THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy Thursday and Friday; colder.

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LAST CALL FOR XMAS!

War or no war, good money is being spent daily in the great American holiday rush! Are you getting yours? If not, there's a reason.

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THREE GERMAN CRUISERS SUNK IN THE ATLANTIC

Turkish Army Surrenders To The Indian Troops

EUROPEAN OPERATIONS ARE OVERSHADOWED BY NAVAL BATTLE AND INDIAN VICTORY

Entire Turkish Army Surrenders to Indian Troops on the Gulf of Persia, Thus Giving Great Britain Absolute Control of That Section of the Territory Contested.

FRENCH COMMUNICATION ON OPERATIONS IN FLANDERS CONSIDERED FAVORABLE TO ALLIES

Initiative Along the Coast by the Allies is Permitted by the Withdrawal of Large German Forces to Go to the West. Illness of German Emperor Grows More Serious.

London, December 9.—The victory off the Falkland Islands, where the British squadron sank the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig, and the success of the Indian troops on the Gulf of Persia, where they compelled the surrender of a Turkish army, have for the moment overshadowed, so far as England is concerned, the larger events which have taken place on the continent of Europe.

The sinking of the German cruisers materially lessens the menace to British shipping, while the success of the Indian forces gives Great Britain control of the Persian gulf and the delta of the Tigris and Euphrates, and threatens that part of Turkey on which German railway builders have had their eyes set for many years.

With this good news for the Allies comes what is considered here as a favorable French communication on operations in Flanders and in France.

Withdrawal of German troops from the West to strengthen their armies in the East has enabled the Allies to resume the initiative along the front, reaching from the Swiss border to the North Sea, and while they have not made any marked advance, they have been able according to official announcement to organize and consolidate positions won during the last few days.

This has not been done without opposition from the Germans, who claim to have inflicted heavy losses, particularly in the Argonne and north of Nancy.

Flanders now is considered fairly safe from German attacks which, when they do materialize, it is believed here, will be directed more at the French centers.

Russia has at last admitted the occupation of Lodz by the Germans, but in an official statement today declared her soldiers evacuated the city fifteen hours before the Germans' occupation, changing their positions without the loss of a single man.

GERMANS ADVANCE ON WARSAW.

Forces Both from North and Center Marching Toward City in Poland.

It is apparent from the various official reports that there are converging German movements on Warsaw from the North and the Center, combined with outflanking movements to the southeast of Cracow. The success of any of these movements would require the Russians to turn back from Cracow which they have not done thus far. As a matter of fact, the Russians assert that they have inflicted a "grave defeat" on an Austro-German force which tried to get around their left wing. A later Austrian report, however, indicates partial success in this region.

Reports of the serious illness of the German Emperor, coming through Amsterdam, have not been confirmed. It is known the Emperor is suffering from bronchial catarrh, to which he is subject, and is compelled to remain in bed. He is able, however, to receive military reports.

As the result of the Sultan's proclamation of a holy war, a serious uprising is threatened against the Italians in Tripoli, and the Turkish ambassador at Rome has hastened to assure the Italian government that the Sublime Porte is trying to avert it.

The new Servian cabinet, composed of all parties, at the opening of parliament today assured the members of its intention to carry on the war to the end. In the belief that the sacrifices the country has made will be recognized by the Allies when the war is ended. The re-organized Servian army under King Peter now is making a stubborn stand against the further advance of the Austrians, and, according to Nish reports, has inflicted heavy losses on the invaders.

TURKISH TROOPS SURRENDER.

Indian Forces Victorious in Persian Gulf—England Controls Section.

London, Dec. 9.—It is officially announced that Subhi Bey, late governor o. Basra, Asiatic Turkey, commander of the Turkish forces at Kurna, yesterday surrendered unconditionally with his troops to the Indian expeditionary force, which is operating at the head of the Persian Gulf.

Kurna subsequently was occupied by the British, who are now in complete control of the country from the junction of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers to the sea and of the richest part of the fertile delta.

The Indian office in a report of these operations says:

"A reconnaissance of the enemy's position at Kurna was made December 5th by Col. G. S. Frazer with the 110th Mahratta light infantry. The enemy was encountered on the left bank of the Tigris opposite Kurna. They were attacked and driven across the river, losing heavily. Two guns and 70 prisoners, including three Turkish officers, were captured.

"Kurna was found to be strongly held by guns and infantry and the British, finding no means of crossing the Tigris, withdrew to their original bivouac.

"The following day reinforcements were sent from Basra under Brig. Gen. Charles Irwin Fry and they captured Masera, cleared the left bank of the Tigris and took three guns and 100 prisoners, including three officers.

"On December 8th the British crossed the river and the next day Subhi Bey surrendered.

The British casualties during the whole of these operations amounted to one British officer killed and three wounded, with 40 Indians of the rank and file killed and wounded."

RUSSIA ADMITS EVACUATION.

But Declares That Not a Man Lost in Leaving Lodz—"Strategic" Reasons.

Petrograd, Dec. 9.—The evacuation by the Russians of Lodz, Russian Poland, is admitted in a semi-official communication issued today though the statement adds that the Russians did not lose a soldier when the position was given up.

The text of the communication follows:

"The German official communication says that the Russians must have had enormous losses in evacuating Lodz. The confidence that should be placed in this communication is evidenced by the fact that the Russian troops with-

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BRYAN ADDRESSES CHURCH COUNCIL

"Universal Peace" is Subject Before Convention

MEETING AT RICHMOND

Secretary of State Also Has Something to Say on the Prohibition Movement—Must Start From the Mouth of Man.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 9.—Secretary of State William J. Bryan was the chief speaker this evening before the executive committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America which convened here today. Secretary Bryan's subject was "Universal Peace."

The secretary arrived at 3 o'clock shortly after the convention opened and made a brief address at the afternoon meeting. He surprised the committee which had been appointed to receive him by appearing at the auditorium earlier than he was expected. He entered the building unrecognized and his secretary had to make his identity known to the clerk. Mr. Bryan was introduced to the delegates by Dr. Charles S. MacFarland, the secretary of the council. Mr. Bryan in response said: "I did not know that I was to be a delegate. I came because I have a broad and general sympathy with your work."

Mr. Bryan remained through the entire session, paying attention to the reading of the reports and to a short address by Dr. William H. Roberts, of Philadelphia. The session concluded with an address by Mr. Bryan, largely given to the subject of the suppression of the liquor traffic.

"There may be differences of opinion as to the methods of suppressing the liquor traffic," Mr. Bryan said, "but it must be agreed that the man who shuts off the demand for liquor at his own mouth, decreases the traffic in the United States more directly than in any other way. We ought to unite in a beginning by training the children in the church and Sunday schools to abstain entirely."

On the platform with Secretary Bryan were: Bishop E. R. Hendrix, of St. Louis; Dr. W. H. Roberts, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. H. C. Grose, Boston; Dr. Charles S. MacFarland, New York city; Dr. Rivington D. Lord, Brooklyn; Dr. Rufus W. Miller, Philadelphia; Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, Philadelphia; Bishop Alexander Walters, Alfred R. Kimball, Dr. Albert C. Lawson, and Bishop Luther B. Wilson, New York city.

Dr. Shailer Mathews, of the University of Chicago, delivered an address at tonight's meeting on "Militant Idealism."

Reports were read from the administrative committee, the secretary of the Federal Council outlining the entire scope of the council's work, the associate secretary, and the commission on evangelism.

Commends Mr. Wilson.

Secretary Bryan addressing the Fed-

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FLETCHER GIVES NAVAL STRENGTH

Competent to Meet Any Afloat Except Great Britain.

SAYS REAR ADMIRAL

Possibility of Conflict With That Nation so Remote That No Reason to Have Navy Large Enough to Control Seas.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The ability of the American navy to successfully meet the war fleet of any nation except Great Britain was asserted today by Rear Admiral Fletcher, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, before the House naval affairs committee. The possibility of conflict with Great Britain was so remote the admiral said that he did not believe in a naval policy designed to control the oceans as against that country.

Admiral Fletcher was under examination all day by the committee at the first public hearing on a naval appropriation bill held in many years. He was plied with many questions about condition of the navy, judged by lessons of the European war. Although confidently declaring the American navy was over-matched only by that of England, he added that if this country continued to build only two battleships a year, Germany on the basis of

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CONVENTION HAS A DAY OF FEATURES

Special Train Takes 800 Baptists to Wake Forest.

NEW CHURCH IS OPENED

Christian Education Becomes Actually One of Benevolent Objects of Convention Activity—Masterful Address by Dr. Love.

(By T. W. Chambliss.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 9.—This has been an epoch marking day in North Carolina Baptist history. Four distinct features marked the day. For the first time in history a Baptist State convention was moved for a day from one city to another. For the first time in State Baptist history a meeting house erected by the entire denomination as a convention meeting house was opened for service. For the first time in Baptist history in this State Christian education becomes actually one of the benevolent objects of the denominational activity. The fourth feature of the day was the raising this morning of $8,000 towards the completion of the Wake Forest College church building.

Tonight a fitting climax to the day of features was the mind stirring and heart touching address delivered by Rev. J. F. Love, D. D., home secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, of Richmond, Va. Well known, intimately beloved, formerly a masterful pastor in this State, Dr. Love stood in the house of his friends when he spoke the words of burning eloquence tonight.

Pilgrimage to Wake Forest.

Two years ago the Convention, in session at Goldsboro, appointed a committee and authorized them to co-operate with the Baptist church at Wake Forest in the matter of erecting a modern, model, meeting house on the campus of Wake Forest College. The Convention pledged $25,000 to the building, the local church to contribute $15,000. Last year when the Convention met it was announced that the building would be ready when the Convention met in Raleigh. This morning, using a special train, the Convention, officers, messengers and visitors, 800 people, went to Wake Forest, held two sessions of the Convention in the church building and returned to Raleigh tonight.

The report of the committee shows the cost of the building to be $47,515.31. Of this amount $20,347.66 has been raised. The Convention agreed to raise $18,000, the local church to handle the balance. About $8,000 was immediately pledged and a committee appointed to secure $10,000 additional.

Constitution Amended.

By a unanimous vote the Convention changed its constitution and provided for a board of education, to be located at Durham, and this board will have entire oversight of all phases of educational work and institutions and, further, the support of the educational work goes on the budget of the churches along with state, home and foreign mission. This board will be appointed later.

Wake Forest Healthy.

The report of the board of trustees of Wake Forest College to the Convention shows a healthy condition. This is the 80th year in the history of Wake Forest College and from the modest beginning of 16 students in 1834 there is now the enrollment of 446, an increase over last year of 11. The first graduating class numbered four in the year 1839—the last graduating class numbered 77. in 1914. The student body is better provided for than ever before. The college hospital with its staff of three physicians insures medical attention. The new dormitories completed during the year at a cost of $40,000, provides rooms for 75 pupils. The old dormitories have been vastly improved by the introduction of steam heat and running water.

New members of the faculty reported by the board are of more importance than the physical improvements. Dr. John W. Newell, Ph.D., of Johns Hopkins, and A. M. of Wake Forest, is appointed as associate professor of chemistry; Mr. Clarence D. Johns, graduate student of Harvard and Master of Arts of Chicago University, has been elected associate professor of political science; Prof. Roger P. McCutcheon, A. B., of Wake Forest, and M. A. at Harfard, has been chosen to conduct the department of English during the absence of Dr. Sledd, and Associate Professor Ira E. Hubbell. Prof. McCutcheon came from the University of Minnesota.

Ninety-two per cent of the student body are members of churches. Recently a remarkable revival meeting beginning in a faculty meeting and extending through the month of November was led by Dr. W. R. Culiom and the result was far-reaching and permanent. The annual budget of the college is now $62,850 and the fees paid by students amount to about 40 per cent of the amount, the remainder having to come from the endowment. An enlarging budget is made necessary by enlarging patronage, to say nothing of permanent improvements.

Other Colleges.

The report of Chowan College, located at Murphreesboro, tells the story of better conditions. Dr. T. T. Speight

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MAY USE ARTILLERY TO ENFORCE ORDER

Shootiug Across Border at Naco, Arizona, Must Stop

IS WASHINGTON DECREE

Contending Factions in Mexico Just Across the Line Must End Battle if Bullets Are to Fall Into American Territory.

Washington, Dec. 9.—If the contending Mexican forces opposite Naco, Ariz., do not cease firing into American territory, three batteries of field artillery sent to the international line will be ordered to return the fire.

This is the United States government's determination, it became known tonight, after a full discussion of the situation by President Wilson and his cabinet. No specific orders have been given, but while Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss, who was directed to proceed to Naco with the field artillery, is en route there, officials expect an answer to the sharp warning given to Mexican factions battling across the border that bullets and shells must not fall on American soil.

"No act of aggression" is contemplated, a statement issued by the White House said, but officials draw a distinction between aggressive and defensive action. For cavalry or field artillery to cross the Mexican line or open fire first would constitute an act of aggression, but to remain on American soil, and return the fire of the Mexicans is in the opinion of high officials a measure of defense fully justified and not an act of war or invasion.

White House Statement.

The White House statement issued by Secretary Tumulty after a conference with the President was as follows:

"It has been thought wise to strengthen the forces at Naco because of the reckless carelessness of the contending factions there in failing to control the direction of their fire. Of course no aggressive action is contemplated."

It was explained at the War Department that the artillery ordered to Naco could fire over the Mexican town into the lines of the Mexican factions which insisted on firing into American territory. This is the plan should warnings prove futile. The general expectation, however, is that no such contingency will arise.

The Washington government's action constitutes a precedent for the future and was taken to mean that any firing into American territory along the border would be met by similar steps. Many telegrams had come telling of injuries and deaths resulting from stray bullets and at yesterday's cabinet meeting, where telegrams were discussed, it was understood that the determination to put an end to such occurrences was emphatically expressed.

Charges Discrimination.

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SENATOR RANSDELL DEFENDS MEASURE

Vigorously Replies to Charges of "Pork Barrel."

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL

National Rivers and Harbors Congress Convenes in Annual Session at Washington—No Sectionalism Predominates.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Advocates of waterway improvement from all parts of the country met here today in the 11th annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. Secretary Bryan welcomed the delegates, predicting a large percentage of the country's traffic would be drawn to waterways soon because of cheapness of transportation.

Vigorous replies were made to criticisms of the last river and harbor bill as a "pork barrel" measure. Senator Ransdell, president of the Congress, made this attack the theme of his annual address. Albert Rettinger, of Cincinnati, defended the measure against the same criticisms and Representative J. Hampton Moore compared the small appropriations of the last 10 years for waterway improvement with the large sums spent for the army, the navy and for pensions. Senator Fletcher, of Florida, explained the claims of the Oklawaha river for attention in

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GERMANY'S THREE LARGEST DREADNOUGHTS ARE SUNK OTHERS ARE BEING PURSUED

British Squadron Sighted German Pacific Fleet Cruising in the South Atlantic, Off Falkland Islands, and Immediate Battle Followed—Two Colliers Also Captured.

LITTLE DAMAGE DONE BRITISH FLEET, IS OFFICIAL REPORT OF COMMANDING OFFICER

Some Survivors Have Been Rescued—German Vessels Are the Same Which Sunk British Cruisers Off Coast of Chile in Pacific Recently—Fight Occurred Tuesday.

London, December 9.—It was announced officially here today that the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig had been sunk in the South Atlantic by a British fleet. The following announcement was issued by the official information bureau:

"At 7:30 P. M. on the 8th of December the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Nurnberg, Leipzig and Dresden were sighted near the Falkland Islands by a British squadron under Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee.

"An action followed, in the course of which the Scharnhorst, flying the flag of Admiral Count Von Spee, the Gneisenau and the Leipzig were sunk. The Dresden and Nurnberg made off during the action, and are being pursued. Two colliers were also captured.

"The Vice-Admiral reports that the British casualties are very few in number.

"Some survivors have been rescued from the Gneisenau and the Leipzig."

The official statement makes reference to survivors rescued from the Gneisenau and the Leipzig, but no mention is made of any of the crew of the Scharnhorst, flagship of the German admiral, being saved and it is presumed that Count Von Spee, his officers and men went down fighting.

The British casualties were light, but beyond the fact that the British squadron was commanded by Vice-Admiral Sturdee, no information is vouchsafed regarding the ships engaged, and newspapers are enjoined not to speculate, as "other combinations may be effected"

The greatest enthusiasm prevailed in London over the victory, and the general impression is that it will be complete, as it is not thought the Admiralty will be likely to send ships that could not overtake the Dresden and Nurnberg, which are slow and at a disadvantage, because of their small coal capacity.

ENGLAND WAS DETERMINED

Sent the Best Officer She Had to Command Squadron in Atlantic.

The British squadron left England without the knowledge of the general public and until his name was mentioned it was believed that Vice Admiral Sturdee was serving in home waters. The fact that he was taken from the post of chief of the war staff is indicative of the determination of the British government to clear the Pacific and South Atlantic of German warships. It is believed therefore that the British commander is at the head of a formidable squadron.

In addition to the Dreden and Nurnbuerg, only one German warships—the Karlsruhe—now is unaccounted for in those waters, although there may be one or two armed merchantmen which the allies have not rounded up.

As the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau each carried a complement of 765 men the Leipzig 268; the Nurnberg 322 and the Dresden 261, the total German loss is estimated at not far from 2,000 men, although the actual losses to the Dresden and Nurnberg are not yet known.

The Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Liepzig, with the cruisers Nurnberg and Dresden, composed the German Pacific fleet which, in the engagement with the British squadron under Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock, off the coast of Chile on November 1 sank the British cruisers Monmouth and Good Hope, with the loss of about 1,500 men. Since that time British and Japanese squadrons have been searching for the German fleet, of which little has been heard. Recent reports from Montevedeo, Uruguay, were to the effect that the German fleet was believed to have rounded the cape, and entered the South Atlantic, but there has been no authentic information as to the whereabouts of these vessels since the battle with the British squadron. The Scharnhorst and Gneisenau were the largest vessels of the German fleet. They were sister ships of 11,600 tons displacement, 450 feet on the water line and were rated at a mean speed of 23 1-2 knots. Each carried a complement of 765 men, and was armed with eight 8.2 inch guns, six six-inch guns, 20 24 pounders, four machine guns and four torpedo tubes.

The Leipzig had a displacement of 3,250 tons and carried 286 men. She was 341 feet long on the water line, had a beam of 43 1-2 feet and was rated at 23 knots. Her largest guns, of which she carried ten, were 4.1 inch. She had also ten one pounders, four machine guns and two torpedo tubes.

Admiral Von Spee, commander of the German squadron, was aboard the Scharnhorst, which was his flagship.

OTHER CRUISERS DAMAGED

Reports From Santiago Chile Says Other Vessels Engaged Damaged.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 9.—Reports received here of the sinking of the German cruisers Schaghnorst, Gneisenau and Liepzig by British warships off the Falkland Islands say that two other German cruisers engaged in the battle were badly damaged.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 9.—Contracts for two oil tank steamers costing $1,000,000 each were awarded today to the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydoc kCompany by the Standard Oil Company. The new vessels will be 500 feet long, of 14,900 tons each and will make a speed of 10 1-2 knots an hour. They must be completed within twelve and thirteen months respectively.

GERMAN EMPEROR'S CONDITION LITTLE BETTER

London, Dec. 10—1.30 a. m.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam says:

"The latest bulletin issued in Berlin says Emperor William's condition is unchanged and he has been unable to leave his bed. his fever has not decreased.

"The emperor received a report of the military situation but was too weak to give any instructions."

CATASTROPHE WAS NARROWLY AVERTED

Says Secretary McAdoo, in His Annual Report.

OUTLINES STEPS TAKEN

By Treasury Department to Restore Confidence and Support American Business Shaken and Weakened by War.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Secretary McAdoo in his annual report to Congress today outlined at length the steps taken by the Treasury Department to restore confidence and support American business, shaken and weakened by the European war.

"A catastrophe of calamitous proportions," said the report, "was narrowly averted. It is a tribute to the economic strength and soundness of the country and to the patriotism of its people in every class and walk of life that the shock has been so admirably withstood. A panic of cataclysmic proportions might easily have resulted and if it had, the injury to the country would have been incalculable and many years would have been required to overcome its effects."

By formation of the $100,000,000 gold pool, the $135,000,000 cotton loan fund, issues of emergency currency and the deposit of crop moving money in national banks, the situation was relieved, and confidence was revived, the report says.

"Through the prompt and effective action of the Treasury Department and with the cordial and intelligent cooperation of the banking and business interests of the country, the danger has been averted," says the report.

"Confidence has been restored and specie payments have been maintained in the face of the world. At no time since the war broke out has there been, to the knowledge of this department, with the exception of a few isolated cases, a failure on the part of any solvent national bank to honor its checks in currency or money or to meet its obligations. The general revival of business throughout the country is the best evidence that confidence has been restored. There is every reason why the country should look forward to the future with confidence so far as its trade, commerce and industry are concerned."

In spite of drains from Europe, where the nation owed about $450,000,000 at the outbreak of the war, Secretary McAdoo says that the Treasury's gold holdings show a reduction of only $88,656,279 on October 31, 1914, compared with holdings of $1,258,218,357 on June 30, 1913.

Secretary McAdoo referred in some detail to his action against banks which, he publicly announced, were hoarding up money, piling up reserves and charging high interest rates without good cause. It was a disagreeable duty, he said, but one which resulted in a determination on his own part to withdraw government deposits from banks not using such funds for the benefit of their communities.

"This action," he said, "had a salutary influence, because it was followed by a general loosening up of credits, and while it is not for a moment contended that the improvement is attributable wholly to the action of the department it is, nevertheless, believed to have had a beneficial effect upon the situation."

Mr. McAdoo's report is devoted largely to a review of the activities of his department for the fiscal year ending on June 30, before the war began, but he included detailed statements of the Treasury's participation in various post-war problems.

The Secretary makes several recommendations. He suggests to Congress that the war revenue tax law should not expire December 31, 1915, but that its operation should be extended until the end of the European war, by proclamation of the President.

Discussing the income tax law the Secretary advocates a change in the law so that persons having a gross income of $3,000 be required to make a return instead of those persons with a net income of that amount or over.

Receipts and Disbursements.

Secretary McAdoo estimates the receipts of the government for the fiscal year 1915, ending June 30, at $728,000,000 including $220,000,000 from customs and $54,000,000 from the emergency war tax. Exclusive of the Panama canal he places disbursements at $710,000,000 for the current year. Counting upon $28,000,000 for the canal out of the Treasury's general fund, he places the excess of disbursements at $10,000,000.

For the fiscal year which ends June 30, 1916, Mr. McAdoo says he expects revenue amounting to $735,000,000 with customs bringing $240,000,000 and the emergency war tax $44,000,000. The Secretary places ordinary expenditures for that year at $72,765,105 with $19,000,000 additional for the Panama canal, leaving a slight surplus.

In his estimates, Mr. McAdoo puts the returns from the income tax for the current fiscal year at $60,000,000, or $40,000,000 each from individuals and corporations. For 1916 he expects the same tax to produce $55,000,000, half to be paid by individuals, half by corporations.

MR. LOCKHART CHAIRMAN.

Elected by Pender Commissioners—Salary System in Effect.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Burgaw, N. C., Dec. 9.—The affairs and management of Pender county changed hands Monday, with the swearing in of the county commissioners, as two of the members are new ones. The board consists of Messrs. N. H. Lockhart, D. J. Farrior, Sr., and F. P. Flinn, the last named being the only member of the old board remaining. Mr. Lockhart was elected chairman.

The new county officers were sworn in. As they are now on salary basis, all the fees collected by them heretofore will be collected hereafter by them for the county, a strict account kept and no credit allowed anyone. All fees must be paid "on the spot."

FRANK ONCE AGAIN SENTENCED TO DIE

For the Murder of 14-Year-Old Mary Phagan.

STATEMENT IN COURT

Condemned Man Denounces "Spirit of Mob Violence That Pervaded Court Room' 'and Charges Negro With Perjury.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 9.—Leo M. Frank today was sentenced in the Fulton county Superior court to be hanged on Friday, January 22, for the murder here in April, 1913, of Mary Phagan, a 14-year-old factory girl.

Before receiving sentence, which was pronounced by Judge Ben. H. Hill, Frank made a statement to the court, denouncing the "spirit of mob violence which pervaded the court room," at his trial, declaring his death would "lay an indelible stain upon Georgia's name for justice," and charging that James Conley, the negro sweeper at the factory of which Frank was superintendent and who was the State's principal witness against Frank, "had committed perjury."

The statement was as follows:

"May it please your honor, this is a momentous day—a day of far greater importance to the State of Georgia and to the majesty of the law, even than to myself, for under the guise of law your honor is about to pronounce words that will condemn to death an innocent man. Transcending in importance the loss of my own life is the indelible stain and dishonor resting upon the name of this State by reason of its judiciarly murdering of an innocent man. The jury's verdict of August 25, 1913, finding me guilty of the death of Mary Phagan, did not then and does not now speak the truth. I declare to your honor and to the world that that verdict was made in an atmosphere seething with mob violence and clamor for my life—a verdict based on evidence absolutely false—which under other circumstances would not have been given a moment's credence.

Expressed Deep Sympathy.

"Your honor, I deeply sympathize with the parents of Mary Phagan. The brute that brought much grief upon them has plunged me into sorrow and misery unspeakable, and is about to accomplish my undoing.

"But this I know, my execution will mark the advent of a new era in Georgia, where a good name and stainless honor count for naught against the word of a vile criminal; where the testimony of Southern white women of unimpeachable character is branded as false by the prosecution, disregarded by the jury, and the perjured vaporing of a black brute alone accepted as the whole truth; where a mob crying for blood invaded the court room and became the dominant factor in what should have been a solemn judicial trial. Oh, shame!—that these things be true!

"Life is sweet to me. It is not an easy thing to give up the love of dear ones, of wife, and parents, of every loyal friend. Though this be true, death has no terrors for me. I go to my end in the full consciousness of innocence and in the firm conviction that, as there is a God in heaven, my full vindication must come some day. With the dawn of that day there will come to the people of Georgia a full realization of this horrible mistake, a mistake irretrievable—the execution of an innocent man, a victim of perjury, prejudice and passion."

Third Time Sentenced.

Today marks the third time Frank has been sentenced to death for the Phagan girl's murder. Resentence is in accordance with the State Supreme court's refusal to set aside the conviction on the ground that Frank was absent from the court room when the verdict was returned.

It was learned here today that Frank's attorneys have had under consideration another plan to get his case once more before the courts. They decline to say what their plan is, but lawyers who have followed the case predict that an effort will be made to take the case before the United States Supreme court on the alleged ground that a spirit of mob violence prevailed at Frank's trial, depriving the defendant of due process of law.

Should proceedings in the courts be abandoned, it is presumed an appeal for executive clemency shortly will be made to the State prison commission and to Governor Slaton, of Georgia.

Will Cupid Outwit Money and Law?

LENOIR COUNTY OFFICERS SCOURING COUNTRY FOR ELOPING COUPLE IN AUTOMOBILE.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 9.—The Lenoir county sheriff's force is tonight scouring the country for U. S. Paige, a LaGrange policeman, and Miss Lamoine Rouse, daughter of John H. Rouse, a prominent man of that town, who eloped this evening. A reward of $50 was offered by the sheriff for their apprehension before marriage.

The elopement was spectacular, Paige, a young man who recently came from the Navy, tried Saturday night to get away with the girl, who is said to be only 17 years of age. A breaking ladder then spoiled their plan.

This evening the officer, a handsome fellow, walked into a church bazaar, spoke to Miss Rouse and a minute afterward bundled her into a waiting automobile. Two brothers of Miss Rouse gave chase in another machine, but when nearly up with the elopers had motor trouble and were compelled to drop out of the race. Paige and the girl came to the edge of Kinston but circled the city rather than risk arrest. Officers were then waiting for them here.

The elopers are believed to be headed west.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE REceived at the Office of the Lighthouse Inspector, Charleston, S. C., until 2 o'clock P. M., Dec. 26, 1914, and then opened, for repairs to the Lighthouse Tender "Cypress." Blank proposals and particulars may be obtained by addressing the above office. de10,12,14

FRANCE SIGNALLY HONORS AMERICAN

Nation's Highest Honor Bestowed Upon M. T. Herrick

RETIRING AMBASSADOR

Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor Now on Its Way to Mr. Herrick. Only Forty-Five Others in World so Honored.

New York, Dec. 9.—The grand cross of the Legion of Honor is on its way from the President of France to Myron T. Herrick in recognition of Mr. Herrick's services to the French people while ambassador to France. Mr. Herrick was decorated yesterday with a red ribbon, emblematic of the cross, by the captain of the steamship Rochambeau, acting on wireless orders from the French ambassador at Washington, who said he was acting under instructions of President Poincare.

The decoration was pinned upon Mr. Herrick's coat as soon as the steamer reached the three mile sea limit of American sovereignty. Announcement of the bestowal of the honor was made today when the Rochambeau docked.

The grand cross of the Legion of Honor is the highest honor which the French government can beatow. There are, including Mr. Herrick, only 45 living persons throughout the world who have been thus decorated.

Spectacular Welcome.

A spectacular welcome was given the retiring ambassador and his wife when the vessel docked. The passengers, nearly all natives of France, lined the rail and cheered as Mr. and Mrs. Herrick walked down the gang plank; and the cheering was taken up by hundreds of persons who had gone to the pier to greet him on behalf of the city, state, nation and state of Ohio.

Mr. Herrick declined to talk for publication upon his experiences in France.

Mr. Herrick appeared to be annoyed when he heard he had been mentioned for the 1916 Republican Presidential nomination.

"I do not want to talk politics," he said. "If any credit is due me for the small part I have played, I do not want it capitalized."

Mr. Herrick is the only living American to wear the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor. So far as is known no other American was ever thus decorated in the 112 years that have passed since the order was created by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802.

SPORTS

BRIGADE BASKETBALL

Orioles and Skeeters the Winners in Last Night's Contests.

Two exciting games of basketball were played at the Boys' Brigade. The score between the first two teams was Orioles 35, Rebels 33, and the last, Skeeters 36, Bugs 13.

The Orioles and Rebels put up a good game and showed much class in every department. Most of the scoring for the Rebels was done by Captain Smith, who secured seven field goals and one foul goal, while Simmons caged the ball for five foul goals, and Mack Griffith two field goals. Lieut. Kelly Jewell played a star game at center of the Orioles, tapping the ball over his opponent every time and caging it five times from field, materially assisting his teammates in their part of the success. E. Snakenburg secured two goals, James 4, Fergus 3, and Burnett 2. The Orioles lead the Rebels by a large margin for most of the game, but about six minutes before the time expired for the last half the Rebels got to going and they secured so many points in a few minutes that it looked as though they would win. However, the Orioles were not to be outdone and they came back strong and finally won out by a margin of two points.

The Skeeters put it all over the Bugs. They secured 16 field goals and four foul goals. Every man on the team scored one or more goals. For the Bugs Lord starred with four field goals, Fales securing one and C. Costin one. They managed to secure one foul goal.

The regular games of the Friday Night League will be played tomorrow night, when the Cardinals and Giants meet and the Naps and Braves oppose each other. These should be good games as the teams competing are evenly matched and they will put up some good exhibitions.

STUDYING NEGRO SCHOOLS

Representative of United States Bureau of Education Here.

Mr. Thomas Jackson Woofter, Jr., a representative of the United States Bureau of Education, was in Wilmington yesterday for the purpose of gathering statistics with reference to the negro schools of the city. While interested in the public school for negroes, he devoted particular attention to the private schools, it being easier to get the statistics of the former because of the reports that are filed monthly.

Accompanied by J. O. Carr, Esq., chairman of the Board of Education, and Superintendent John J. Blair, of the city schools, Mr. Woofter spent some time in the Wilmington public schools for negroes.

Free Entertainment Given by

"Daughters of Liberty" Monday Night, December 14th

The "Daughters of Liberty" will give a Free Entertainment Monday Night, Dec. 14th, at the Hall of The Jr. O. U. A. M., at 20 1-2 So. Front street, beginning at 8:00 P. M. The services of the well known Padrick Orchestra, ever open to engagements, has been secured to furnish music for the occasion, and this will insure the attendance of those whose hearts and minds turn to sweet strains of music to find a responsive chord at this season of the year.

At 10 P. M. a Wedding will be pulled off, with all the modern pomp and paraphernalia, together with enough sentimentality to make it interesting.

The contracting parties will not make their names known to the public till the Conjugal Knot is tied.

Absolutely *Free*, and everybody invited. Come early and leave late.

THEATRICAL

Bayard Veiller, autnor of the successful new American play, "Within the Law," which Selwyn and Company announces for presentation here at the Academy on December 25, began his writing career as a reporter for one of the New York dailies. At the time Theodore Roosevelt was police commissioner in the metropolis Veiller was detailed at detective headquarters and while there secured the material for the exciting scenes in "Within the Law" that depict an illuminatively certain questionable practices of the authorities in their endeavor to fasten guilt for crime on suspected persons. "Within the Law" is hailed as the dramatic sensation of the year in both New York and Chicago, and its metropolitan success is being duplicated in every city which it visits.

"Perils of Pauline"—Bijou.

Today "Wilmington's Cosy Corner" the home of the incomparable movies, and the dispenser of solid comfort and genuine pleasure, presents one of their famous double-feature bills, made famous by this palace of pleasure, and which cannot be afforded by other picture houses. The bill is so big, and contains such big features that it is hard to say just which one deserves to head the list.

But here goes, with the 15th episode of "The Perils of Pauline" that great serial in which Pearl White has won fame for the past four months, and which is now rapidly drawing to a close and getting more thrilling, more exciting and more interesting every installment. The 15th chapter, as usual, comes in two full reels, and is a worthy successor to episodes that have come before, even more thrilling in its great climaxes than any other chapters, as the net slowly but surely draws closer around the bunch of villains.

Then comes the real big Universal feature of the day, "The Heiress and the Crook," a two-reel Eclair dramatic feature that is full of thrills and exciting climaxes throughout. It has to do with the spiritualistic seance and the followers of occult science and tells of the charms and all the weird rites of the black art.

The comedy side is well taken care of by a combination of drama and comedy by those great Joker players, Phil Dunham, Ernest Shields and Betty Schade, in "The Tricky Flunkey," which tells of the marvelous escapades of the flunkey who went from the hangman's rope to the marriage altar. Don't miss today's big bill, and in the meantime, whet your appetite a little keener for "The Master Key."

The Victoria Today.

The great double show and the noted solid comfort of the theatre, no matter the condition of the weather combined yesterday to attract the people by the hundred to the charming Victoria, Wilmington's handsomest amusement spot. Great crowds yesterday witnessed a great show. Today, judging by the films that are on the bill, is going to be a repeater. Another great show has the Victoria for today, to place before the people of Wilmington in the Victoria's usual brilliant, peerless way. Today's bill is going to be headed by the Biograph sensation of the hour, "The Iron Master," in two big reels. It has been described as the most thrilling, most gripping film flashed on a screen in years and it is in big demand by all movie houses. The Victoria, true to its usual alertness and progress, was among the first theatres to land it. So the folks of Wilmington will have the extreme pleasure of beholding it today. It is a great story of the difference, reared by hypocrisy and false ideas, between wealth of the aristocracy and fortune of the successful tradesman. It's a powerful story and it will be portrayed by a powerful cast, headed by George Morgan, Vola Smith and Louise Vale. Nothing better can be seen in any movie theatre. So don't miss it today.

There will, of course, be other great films. Remember that the Victoria defies the most blustering weather. With a perfect heating system and free ventilation it is always cozy.

MRS. EDITH WALKER DEAD.

Aged Lady of Duplin County Passes Away—Funeral.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Mt. Olive, N. C., Dec. 9.—Mrs. Edith Walker, an aged Duplin county lady living a few miles southeast of here, died at her home Monday following an extended period of ill health, the immediate cause of her death being cancer. She is survived by several children and other near relatives. The remains were interred Tuesday afternoon in the family burying ground, Rev. W. B. Oliver, pastor of the Baptist church here, conducting the funeral services.

BANKS CONSOLIDATE

Citizens Bank of Mount Olive and the Bank of Calypso.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Mount Olive, Dec. 9.—According to information just given out here, the Citizens' Bank of Mount Olive and the Bank of Calypso have been consolidated, and both institutions will hereafter be known as the Citizens' Bank, the former Bank of Calypso in reality being a branch of the Citizen's Bank here.

A WARNING TO MANY

Some Interesting Facts About Kidney Troubles.

Few people realize to what extent their health depends upon the condition of the kidneys.

The physician in nearly all cases of serious illness makes a chemical analysis of the patient's urine. He knows that unless the kidneys are doing their work properly, the other organs cannot readily be brought back to health and strength.

When the kidneys are neglected or abused in any way, serious results are sure to follow. According to health statistics, Bright's disease which is really an advanced form of kidney trouble, caused nearly ten thousand deaths in 1913, in the state of New York alone. Therefore, it behooves us to pay more attention to the health of these most important organs.

An ideal herbal compound that has had remarkable success as a kidney remedy is Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great Kidney, Liver and Bladder Remedy.

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Also all other goods usually carried in a Wholesale Store.

Write for our prices before buying.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Having this day qualified as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of the late A. D. McDonald, I hereby notify all persons having claims against said Testator, to present the same to me, duly verified, on or before the 25th day of November, 1915, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

Dated at Wilmington, N. C., this November 24th, 1915.

W. H. SPRUNT,
Executor of the Last Will and Testament of A. D. McDonald, Deceased.
no 25 de 2-2-16-23-30.

WANTS ARMY RECRUITED TO FULL WAR STRENGTH AT ONCE

Secretary Garrison, in Annual Report, Urges Addition of 25,000 Men and 1,000 Officers to Regular Army, and That Steps be Taken to Create a More Adequate Reserve Force—Mentions European War.

Washington, Dec. 9.—That the United States army be immediately recruited to its full war strength, which would mean the addition of 25,000 men and 1,000 officers, is urged by Secretary Garrison, of the War Department, in his annual report presented today to President Wilson.

Such an increase would give the regular army a total of about 120,000 men, of whom 50,000 would be available as a mobile fighting force in the Continental United States. The present mobile strength of 31,000, the Secretary points out, soon will be cut in half by additions to the garrisons in the canal zone, Hawaii and the Philippines.

The report directly mentions the European war but once.

"It would be premature," it says, "to attempt now to draw the ultimate lessons from the war in Europe. It is an imperative duty, however, to heed so much of what it brings home to us as is incontrovertible and not to be changed by any event, leaving for later and more detailed and comprehensive consideration what its later developments and final conclusions may indicate."

In addition to strengthening the regular establishment, the secretary urges that steps be taken at once to creat a more adequate reserve army. He dismisses as impracticable talk of immediate disarmament, and as groundless fears of militarism in America, and recommends military preparedness on the ground that "eternal vigilance is the price which must be paid in order to obtain the desirable things of life and to defend them."

"Whatever the future may hold in the way of agreements between nations, followed by actual disarmament thereof, of international courts of arbitration, and other greatly-to-be-desired measures to lessen or prevent conflict between nation and nation," says the report, "we all know that at present these conditions are not existing. We can and will eagerly adapt ourselves to each beneficent development along these lines; but to merely enfeeble ourselves in the meantime would, in my view, be unthinkable folly. By neglecting and refusing to provide ourselves with the necessary means of self-protection and self-defense we could not hasten or in any way favorably influence the ultimate results we desire in these respects."

The present full war strength of the United States is summarized by the report as follows:

"The organized militia of the various States totals 8,323 officers and 119,087 men. The enlisted men thereof are required, in order to obtain the financial aid which the Congress authorizes the secretary of war to extend under certain conditions, to attend 24 drills a year and five days annually in the field. If all of the National Guard could be summoned in the event of war and should all respond (an inconceivable result), and if they were all found fairly efficient in the first line—that is, the troops who would be expected to immediately take the field—we could summon a force in this country of regulars and National Guard amounting to 9,818 officers and 148,492 men. (This would include only regulars of fighting force stationed in the United States proper.)

"And this is absolutely all. The only other recourse would then be volunteers, and to equip, organize, train, and make them ready, would take, at the smallest possible estimate, six months.

"Anyone who takes the slightest trouble to investigate will find that in modern warfare a prepared enemy would progress so far on the way to success in six months, if his antagonist, had to wait six months to meet him, that such unprepared antagonist might as well concede defeat without contest."

Of the efficiency of the present army Mr. Garrison says:

"While our existing organization is of the exceedingly small numbers already mentioned, it is unquestionably in as excellent condition as any similar number of men in any other military establishment in the world. Were it not for a desire to avoid invidious comparisons we should say that man for man, it is better than any similar existing military establishment in the world. I do not believe that anyone will dispute the statement that the army has never been in better condition than it is today, from the most recently enlisted man up to the highest officers. There is an esprit de corps, an eagerness to constantly strike toward perfection, a willingness to undertake and satisfactorily perform any and every duty, that is most commendable and encouraging."

Passing to the need for a larger army, regular and reserve, the secretary discusses at some length peace and the use of the word "militarism," touching upon the mooted question of whether military preparation tends to prevent war.

"It is, of course, not necessary to dwell on the blessings of peace and the horrors of war," he says. "Everyone desires peace, just as every one desires health, contentment, affection, sufficient means for comfortable existence, and other similarly beneficent things. But peace and the other states of being just mentioned are not always or even often solely within one's own control. It may truthfully be said that vigilance is the price which must be paid in order to obtain the desirable things of life and to defend them.

"In the early history of our nation there was a natural, almost inevitable, abhorence of military force, because it connoted military despotism. Most, if not all, of the early settlers in this country came from nations where a few powerful persons tyrannically imposed their will upon the people by means of military power. Of course all this has long since passed into history. No reasonable person in this country today has the slightest shadow of fear of military despotism, nor of any interference whatever by military force in the conduct of civil affairs.

"It also seems proper, in passing, to refer to the frame of mind of those who use the word 'militarism' as the embodiment of the doctrine of brute force and loosely apply it to any organized preparation of military force, and, therefore deprecate any adequate military preparation because it is a step in the direction of the condemned 'militarism.' Every nation must have adequate force to protect itself from domestic insurrection, to enforce its laws, and to repel invasions; that is, every nation that has similar characteristics to those of a self-respecting man. If it prepares and maintains more military force than is necessary for the purposes just named, then it is subject to the conviction, in the public opinion of the world, of having embraced 'militarism,' unless it intends aggression for a cause which the public opinion of the world conceives to be a righteous one. To the extent, however, that it confines its military preparedness to the purposes first mentioned, there is neither warrant nor justification in characterizing such action as "militarism."

WORK OF RED CROSS PRAISED BY WILSON

Head of the Society Presides at Washington Meeting.

POLICY IS ALTERED

Contributions Will Not be Solicited for Non-Combatants Hereafter But Only for Relief of Sick and Wounded Soldiers.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The American National Red Cross at its tenth annual meeting here today decided to solicit no more contributions for European non-combatants, but to limit its solicitations to funds for relieving sick and wounded in the engaged armies. It will transmit, however, non-combatant relief funds to European Red Cross organizations when the donor designates the country to which the funds are to be sent.

This change in policy was in line with the idea of President Wilson, who as active head of the organization, presided at the afternoon session. In urging strict neutrality on the part of Americans the President took occasion to praise the spirit of the Red Cross as typical of the American spirit of lending a helping hand to the suffering.

As Mr. Wilson talked many women in the hall knitted away on socks for the Belgian sufferers.

"I think that the society is just now charged with a peculiarly responsible duty," the President said. "It is really the medium of the whole world, that part of it, at any rate, which is disengaged from the terrible present conflict in Europe, in ministering to those who need the ministrations of comfort and relief in these distressing circumstances.

All Eyes on Red Cross.

"All eyes are centered upon this society. All efforts at relief come sooner or later into the councils of this society. It is the more necessary, therefore, that we should co-operate with that spirit which I believe we all think characteristic of America, the spirit of absolute disinterestedness, not thinking of ourselves, but thinking of the results we wish to achieve.

"And those results are spiritual, as well as material. You cannot minister material relief without administering it in a spirit which is evident in the ministrations themselves, and that spirit will be the spirit of America which has sought at all times to hold out a hand to those who are suffering, to those who have no other friends. Therefore, it is to my mind a happy circumstance that this society should have some almost official relation with the government of the United States, that there should be at any rate, a formal connection between it and a government which has nothing to seek except the liberty and the safety and the progress of mankind.

"I feel honored, therefore, and privileged to show my interest in this society by being here and serving as presiding officer for a few minutes."

Miss Mabel T. Boardman reported that the society had transmitted $171,000 to Europe. Robert W. DeForrest, chairman of the Belgian Relief Committee in New York, described the scope of that work.

The meeting closed tonight with a reception at the home of Miss Boardman.

SUPREME COURT DELIVERS OPINIONS IN 17 APPEALS.

One Case from Cumberland Affirmed; One Reversed.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 9.—The Supreme Court this evening delivered opinions in 17 appeals as follows:

Weston vs. Roper Lumber Co., Pasquotank, petition to rehear dismissed; Insurance Co., vs. Cherokee Lumber Co., Cumberland, affirmed; Edwards vs. Chemical Co., Mecklenburg, new trial; Lummus vs. Insurance Co., Mecklenburg, affirmed; Houser vs. Fayssoux, Gaston, affirmed; State vs. Dalton, Lincoln, reversed; State vs. Hannon, Polk, no error; Brittain vs. Southern Railway, Burke, reversed; State vs. Bailey, Burke, no error; Howell vs. Hurley, Montgomery, new trial; Forney vs. Seaboard Air Line, Cumberland, reversed; Dunlap vs. Raleigh, Charlotte & Southern, Randolph, no error; State vs. Heavener, Catawba, no error; Mundy vs. Town of Newton, Catawba, error; Glavener and Hogsed, vs. Glouster Lumber Co., Transylvania, affirmed in both appeals; Hyder vs. Southern Railway, Henderson, reversed; Land Company vs. Floyd, Henderson, new trial.

INDUSTRY NEARLY ALL PROFIT.

Fifteen Thousand Pounds Jerusalem Oak Seed Shipped.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Mt. Olive, N. C., Dec. 9.—Something near 15,000 pounds of Jerusalem oak seem (chinopodium) have been shipped from here, for which those who gathered them were paid about 3 1-2 cents per pound, which, like huckleberries, means practically so much clear profit.

15,000 RURAL SCHOOLS NOW HAVE LIBRARIES

Representing Investment of More Than $425,000.

Bank of Caswell is Turned Into Hands of Receiver—Well Known Undertaker Dead—Columbus Warehouse Chartered.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 9.—In the rounding up of the compilations for the forthcoming biennial report by the State Department of Education, it develops that the rural school library movement has reached such proportions that there are now in the State 13,570 original libraries and 1,490 supplemental. Of this number 102 original and 98 supplemental libraries have only been recently issued in the completion of the fiscal year of the department, November 30.

In these libraries the State invests $10 each, the county and the community $10 each, making $30 for each original library and for the supplemental libraries the investment is $5 each for State, county and community. This makes an investment of above $407,100 in original libraries and $22,450 in supplemental libraries.

Bank in Receivers' Hands.

The Corporation Commission today directed State Bank Examiner S. A. Hubbard to turn over to Receiver Lewis Walker the Bank of Caswell, at Milton, which the examiner closed a week ago on account of a disastrous shortage by Cashier Hines, who has disappeared nearly $20,000 short. Walker was named yesterday as receiver by Judge Lyon, who is holding court in Caswell this week. As announced some days ago, the commission estimates that the depositors and other creditors of the bank will realize about 70 per cent. on their claims against the defunct bank.

Mr. John W. Brown Dead.

Mr. John W. Brown, head of the long established undertaking establishment of the H. J. Brown Company, this city, and brother of Mr. Joseph G. Brown, president of the Citizen's National bank, died early this morning at his home on Dawson street, following an illness of several weeks from Bright's disease and heart trouble. Mr. Brown was 65 years old and is survived by a wife and four children, Fabius P. Brown, Lucy, Elisabeth and John Brown, Jr. The funeral will be held Thursday.

Automobile Owners.

There are being mailed from the office of the Secretary of State revised lists of automobile owners in all the counties of the State as licensed for the current year, the number in the State being 14,760. The fiscal year for the automobile licenses runs from June to June, so that this is a mid-year list and is for the information of county officers and automobile dealers.

A charter was issued today for the Columbus Warehouse Company, of Tabor, Columbus county, capital $25,000 authorized and $2,500 subscribed by J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn; the Tabor Supply Company and others for a general cotton warehousing business, including power to issue negotiable certificates of deposit of cotton and other products.

MR. JAMES R. SMITH ELECTED.

As Treasurer of Duplin County, Succeeding Mr. Carr, Deceased.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 9.—At a meeting of the county commissioners which was held in Kenansville yesterday Jas. R. Smith was elected county treasurer to succeed Mr. J. O. Carr, who died since election. All county officers, including A. J. Pickett, W. G. Kornegay, and W. J. Middleton, the new county commissioners, were sworn in to fill the offices for the ensuing term. The officers, with the exception of those named above, are the same as they have been during the past term.

IN SESSION THREE DAYS

Brunswick Commissioners Sell Road Bonds—Action on County Home Postponed.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Southport, N. C., Dec. 9.—The county commissioners ended their first monthly meeting tonight, after three days, with two night sessions, the session tonight being to meet Mr. Freeman, of Wilson, who represents the State Board of Agriculture for this district. Mr. Freeman's visit here was in connection with the recent action by Brunswick county in voting $500 for the services of a farm demonstrator, the State board adding the same amount. The meeting here was to arrange the preliminaries for this work.

The commissioners have sold this week the township road bonds voted by the people of the several townships: Northwest, $15,000, the road running from nearly opposite Wilmington to the Columbus county line; Town Creek, $10,000, some eight miles, which will connect with good roads of Lockwoods Folly township, thus giving a roadway to the South Carolina line; and Smithville, $10,000, this to be employed in needed repairs upon the present good roads, and also in building the new automobile roadway, from this city to Wilmington. The purchaser of these bonds was the firm of Sidney, Spitzer & Company, of Toledo, O. They are 5 per cent, 20-year bonds.

The commissioners postponed all action in the matter of hearing or accepting bids on the county home, until the January meeting. There were a number who wished to get accepted. G. W. Willetts was awarded the contract for painting the Town Creek bridge. eRtiring Clerk of Court Robt. S. Newton, was given until the next meeting to file his annual report.

The fishing steamers Portland, Adroit and Nat Strong, recently sold at Wilmington, and employed by the Carolina Coast Products Company, were brought down here last night, and staked off above the coal pier, inside the channel. Just what is to be done with these next is not stated.

CHECKS CROUP INSTANTLY.

You know croup is dangerous. And you should also know the sense of security that comes from always having Foley's Honey and Tar Compound in the house. It cuts the thick mucus and clears away the phlegm, stops the strangling cough and gives easy breathing and quiet sleep. Take it for coughs, colds, tickling throat, hoarseness and for bronchial and la grippe coughs. Contains no opiates. Every user is a friend.

Why Suffer?

Mrs. Susie Hicks, Bardwell, Ky., writes:

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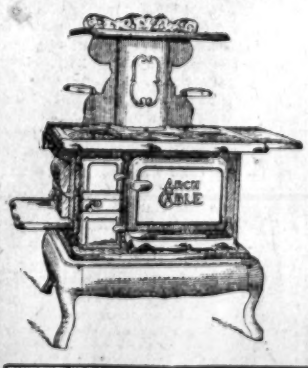

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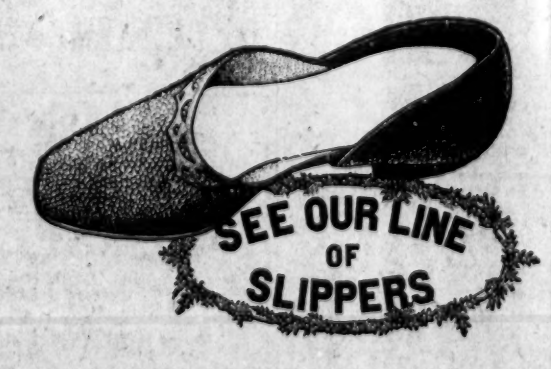

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"Italy is armed and ready," but mostly ready to get cold feet.

As a general thing a kick gets another kick in return. Nine times out of ten a good suggestion will accomplish more than a thousand kicks.

Villa's picture looks like he might have been one of a party which once relieved us of 30 cents in making change on the midway at an exposition.

Remonstrate against an outrage. Protest against an abuse. Aid in correcting a wrong. Join in better a situation. Avoid remedies that are worse than the disease.

Americans pretend to exercise their sympathies in the European war on the ground of their abhorrence of militarism. Nearly the last one of them will favor more of it for themselves.

Some men acquire fame by the laborious efforts of a life time. Some seize the first opportunity that will enable them to gain temporary notoriety. They sputter a while in the limelight but the limelight soon goes out on them and fame doesn't even know them from a hole in the ground.

Loosen up with your coin. If you pay others and others pay others, a lot of others will be able to pay you back in your own coin. When everybody holds onto money it makes a community of tightwads who are squeezing each other. Many a tightwad howls without knowing that he is in a class with others—all doing the same thing to make times hard on the whole class.

In the Charlotte News "Loker On" makes the following inquiry: "Why will people attend a theatre and refuse to remove their hats, although the management has courteously requested it on the programme?" Possibly they prefer for some one back of them to suspect that they are baldheaded. No bald-headed lady can be expected to pull off her hat even though it might be an imposition on people who find it impossible to see through her hat.

In a long article, Colonel Roosevelt does his best to prove that President Wilson is responsible for the conditions in Mexico. It is just like a self-seeking American politician to try to blame an American and thus remove the blame from Diaz, Madero, Huerta, Carranza, Villa, Zapata and Greasers in general. Conditions in Mexico are now better than they were when Republican presidents were powerless to command Kansas cyclones to quit playing thunder with Kansas.

We know several nations that are prepared for war but their statesmen joined quietly in the plans without attempting to get notoriety by agitation. They worked for their country for its sake instead of trying to work their country for themselves. In this country we have a peculiar variety of politicians who make politics out of purely patriotic questions in which each American and each party is equally interested. The painful truth is we have in America more politics than patriotism, and about one statesman to every regiment of blatherskites. Blatherskites are to be found in every party, working the party instead of working for it.

Farmers always plant safely when they produce something to eat. If they all grow tobacco they will find out by sad experience that the demand for tobacco next year will be about like that for cotton—overwhelmed by over production. There is a demand in North Carolina for $20,000,000 worth of food and feed stuffs. There isn't any such demand here or abroad for tobacco. It is a wise farmer who produces that for which there is a large home demand. Next year the world, including ourselves, will need more of broad and meat than it will of tobacco. Over production of tobacco next year will add another disaster to Southern farming. Dope it our right for yourself.

NORTH CAROLINA TO THE FRONT AGAIN.

North Carolina could score no greater distinction or be accredited higher honor than she has achieved in public health work, as accorded at the health exhibit of the American Public Health Convention at Jacksonville during the past week. To be given credit for leading the South in sanitation, hygiene and preventive methods in order to better popular health conditions, is a matter of pride to the State. It also speaks volumes for the fine system, intelligent methods, effective plans, and systematic propaganda so persistently followed by the North Carolina State Board of Health.

Mr. Warren H. Booker, chief of the bureau of engineering and education, of the State Department of Health, Raleigh, attended the Jacksonville convention and The Star thanks him for taking the pains to send it, under date of December 7th, a strong statement concerning the great impression made upon the Nation's health authorities by the North Carolina exhibit. He notes that the exhibit scored such a hit with the delegates and the people of Jacksonville that he could not refrain from sending The Star a note about it. He proclaims it "North Carolina to the front again," this time in public health matters at the Southern Health Exhibit in connection with the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. He writes:

"The health exhibit made by North Carolina was well ahead of that of any other Southern State. This was the verdict of every visitor to the exhibition and there were about 41,000 of them. Many of the prominent health officials from Canada and our Northern and Western states expressed surprise that the South, and especially North Carolina, should be forging to the front in health work so rapidly. In fact, many expressed the feeling that North Carolina's exhibit not only exceeded any other exhibit at the exposition but it also exceeded any other single exhibit at the International Congress on School Hygiene held at Buffalo a year ago and had but few peers at the International Congress on Hygiene and Demography held at Washington two years ago. North Carolina's exhibit is divided into four parts, one on patent medicines, one on tuberculosis, one on child hygiene and one illustrating the progress of health work in the state. The Southern Health Exhibition closes this week and North Carolina's exhibit will be returned to Raleigh. Hereafter it will be loaned by the State Board of Health to any convention, club, fair or other organization that wishes to use it, free of charge, provided packing and transportation charges are paid."

The Star is sure that the people of North Carolina will be deeply gratified at the prominence which the North Carolina exhibit has given the State. Furthermore, they will appreciate the keen interest whch Dr. Booker manifests in sending out such a commendatory account of the exhibit. We have often spoken about the splendid work being done by the State Board of Health. The methods and efficiency of that work constitute the crowning feature. The board sets the pace for comprehensive bulletins through which it is educating the people of North Carolina up to the importance of sanitation and hygiene and detailing from time to time the methods and instructions necessary to make the work a positive public benefit.

The best thing that can be said about the work is that it is revolutionizing health conditions throughout the State.

EDITOR HARRIS BECOMES AUTHOR.

According to an announcement made by the Neale Publishing Company, of New York, one of their new publications has Col. Wade Harris, editor of the Charlotte Observer, as its author. The publishers state in a prospectus that it is "an interesting little book" entitled "My School Days."

At once we conceive the spirit of that book, and although we haven't read it, yet we know it will recount the school experiences of thousands of men whose school boy days covered periods just before and during the Civil War. Considering Author Harris' age, however, we should say that his personal knowledge about school those days was acquired during the historic sixties. In fact, the publishers state in their prospectus:

"Intimate and humorous and delightful indeed are these boyhood reminiscences of Mr. Harris—reminiscences that he has so shaped that he has succeeded in blending here all the fascination of fiction with a stimulating narration of fact. Though the author's design in writing the book was merely to put in material form his memories of the disadvantages under which the children of the South—together with their parents and teachers—solved the educational problem that confronted that region while the smoke of war still lingered over the land, he has done far more; he has produced a little volume that is endowed with the qualities of rare significance and charm—qualities that give to the work a catholic appeal.

"A book of this nature is one that may be read with delight by those who would revive their far-off youth, with its mirth and its trials; it is, in addition, one that is needed by the schoolboys and schoolgirls of today, who by it, as Mr. Harris says, 'may come to a better appreciation of the advantages by which they are so abundantly surrounded.'

"This modest tribute to the post-bellum boy and girl, and to the teachers that guided them to knowledge, should be read by every American whose interest in his country's history is keen, and to whom a hitherto unwritten chapter—such as is here presented—brings a certain glow of exhilaration.

"True, vivid, and picturesque is this monograph, filled with animated incidents of a life that seems almost incredible to the rising generation of this indulgent day. It is—to sum it up—a book to instruct, a book to give pleasure, a book to possess."

We do not have to read that book to know what it really is. It is a quaint contribution to history. It records school history at probably the most interesting period in the educational annals of North Carolina—indeed, in all the Southern states at that time. There is a vast difference between school days then and school days now, in teachers then and teachers now, in school books then and school books now, in school houses then and school houses now, and school boys then and school boys now.

If it is the country school that Author Harris is handing down to history, and we guess it is, or even if it is both the country and village and town school, the book will read like a novel to the young people now. However, it will be sacred to the old boys and girls who used to go to school when every boy and girl got a licking, on general principles, at the hands of the teachers. It was the day when the seats were slab benches without backs, wnen the atmosphere constituted a large part of the school house, and when "Town Ball" "Anthony Over," "Goosey-Goosey Gander," "Bull Pen", "Little Sallie Walker," "Going in Washing," and the like were the recess sport and recreation features.

We fancy that Editor Harris has given the whole country a book on novel lines—a bit of history, a deal of humor and a reminiscence of the mirth, the trials, the pleasures and the vicissitudes of school children who "saw the soldiers go by."

A NEW WORLD DOCTRINE

Tweny nations, representing the continents of North and South America, through their representatives at Washing last Tuesday, laid down the New World Doctrine. The resolutions as formulated and adopted prepare the way for a declaration of the rights of neutral nations and peoples during war between one or more countries in Europe or America, or any other portion of the world, as the case may be.

Neutrals have rights that all belligerents should both recognize and respect, and this was a propitious time when all nations not engaged in war but seriously affected by the gigantic struggle in Europe should have gotten together and taken just such a step as that unanimously agreed upon by the American Republics in Washington on Tuesday.

The action taken was both a protest and a warning, and in a large sense it will form the basis of international conventions which all the nations of the world must hold when the war in Europe is ended. There was nothing hostile in the Washington conference, but it laid down what must be a new international principle.

The American neutrals voiced their disapproval of unreasonable interference with their commerce by any and all belligerents. They have decided to assert their rights. They do not care longer to have their commercial interests affected so seriously at the mere will of belligerents. The action of the conference of the American Republics is friendly notice to the belligerents that they demand that their commerce shall not be arbitrarily molested, as has been the case during the past four months. Over and beyond that, it is the initiative for an international agreement among nations of the world to bring about a well defined declaration of the rights of neutrals and belligerents.

The belligerents really have no rights except those agreed upon internationally or by concession of neutrals, and notice from the American neutrals that they disapprove some of the steps taken by belligerents to even interfere with commerce between neutral nations themselves is sufficient intimation to all nations that they assume too much in their attempts to make the high seas subject to their dictation and mastery.

DIPPING VAT FOR CATTLE

In view of the fact that Wilmington is soon to have a dipping vat at the new abattoir for the purpose of disinfecting cattle coming in from tick infested territory, it will be interesting to note that under this government regulation many South Georgia counties are getting the benefit of this means of ridding beef cattle of ticks preparatory to fattening them for slaughter.

At Bradley's Mill, a few miles below Reidsville, Ga., a dipping vat has been installed and though it has been in use for only a few weeks it is said by the Tattnall Journal that its cost was "negligible in comparison with the good already done and that which will be done."

The Savannah News suggests that one vat is not enough in a county the size of Tattnall, of course, if the whole county is to be rid of the cattle tick and that paper says it is good news that several other large owners of cattle are contemplating installing vats during the spring. "Every county in the State," says The News, "where the tick yet exists ought to be liberally supplied with dipping vats, either at public expense or as an investment on the part of private cattle owners. They will speedily pay for themselves and will be a source of constant profit thereafter. If Georgia is to be a big cattle-raising State it must get rid of the cattle tick."

Republican papers caution the public to note the improved business situation, though they have insisted all along that President Wilson and not the war was the cause of business depression. Rather than give President Wilson credit for finally letting business conditions improve, a financial publication says the improvement is largely due to the fact that the Republicans elected so many congressmen that the Democrats will have only 25 majority in Congress after the 4th of March. If that financial paper does not know any more about finance than it does about the real cause of business revival, we would hate to depend on it to give the reason that the New Haven road went busted after it had been financially looted.

What has become of the old-fashioned gentlemen who used to be chased by policemen to keep them from riding bicycles on the sidewalk?

CURRENT COMMENT.

Europe cannot produce enough to maintain itself when 15,000,000 of its able-bodied men are not only not working themselves, but are wasting in battles what other workers create. In this situation two policies stand out above every other as the rational ones for Americans to adopt. One is to bend every sinew to the task of producing what Europe needs and must buy. The other is to foster a state of industrial security at home so that our producers of every class shall be left free to engage in this incomparable conquest of world trade.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

The reports received by the National Civic Federation from 600 correspondents throughout the country give additional assurance of business improvement and furnish sound reasons for the optimism which they express. A tidal wave of prosperity is not sweeping over us yet, but there is a distinct advance everywhere toward healthier conditions. Every month that passes will bring us nearer to the presumption of general and unusual business activity. This is the diagnosis made by the federation, after a survey that practically includes the whole country. It is a good hope to put in the national Christmas stocking, a good wish to make the national greeting for the new year.—Baltimore Sun.

TO HAVE LOCAL FIFTH AVENUE

Council Practically Decides to Change Name of Fifth Street—Other Matters Yesterday.

Acting on a petition signed by 51 residents on the thoroughfare, City Council, in weekly session yesterday morning, practically decided to change the name of Fifth street to Fifth avenue, instructing the city attorney to draw up the proper resolution and report back to the next meeting. Suggestions that Market street be rechristened Ocean avenue and that Third street also be made an avenue, while taking no concrete form, were also discussed and may be brought up officially later.

All members of Council seemed favorable to the change, as requested in the petition, and upon advice from the city attorney that Council had the power to change the name of the street by passing the proper form of resolution, the attorney was directed to draw up such a resolution. City Attorney Bryan suggested that a clause changing the name of the street be included in the amendment to the City Charter to be passed by the forthcoming General Assembly.

Another feature of yesterday's session was the application of the steam roller to Councilman Wood in his position on a resolution authorizing a change in the manner of making the payments to the Atlantic Bitulithic Company for the improvement of Market street from Tenth to Seventeenth, whereby the city's notes, to be given in payment, are to be negotiated in advance by the company, and the money brought here and placed on deposit in the city's name in local banks, to be paid out as the work progresses. The resolution was introduced several weeks ago by Councilman D. N. Chadwick and Councilman Wood objected to it at the time. Mr. Chadwick again introduced it yesterday, and though Councilman Wood made a vigorous talk against any change in the manner of payment—incidentally expressing the opinion that the city was paying several thousand dollars too much for the work—every member voted for its passage save Mr. Wood. Councilman Wood, who usually occupies a prominent seat on the steam roller when that ponderous parliamentary machine is brought into use at the city hall, did not appear to enjoy the role of the "rolled," and emphatically asked the clerk to be sure to record him as voting "No."

His discomfiture was only temporary, however, for later in the meeting he came back strong with a request that the city attorney draft a resolution taxing the gross income of local tranction companies, outlining a tax of 2 per cent. on receipts up to $300,000; 4 per cent. on amounts between $300,000 and $600,000 and 5 per cent. on any amount between $600,000 and $800,000. He remarked that he did not suppose there would be any objection on the part of the Tidewater Power Company or the Wilmington & Carolina Beach Railway Company, as representative of each corporation had expressed a willingness, during the recent franchise fight, to pay a gross income tax.

Other members reminded Mr. Wood that before the next tax ordinance will be made up and applied, a new Council will be in office, and that they did not consider the matter one requiring special attention at this time. Mr. Wood replied that he wanted the proposition acted on by Council now, and that if it was turned down he proposed making it an issue at the next municipal election.

Requests from the Hilton Lumber Company for lights at Fourth and Grafflin and Fourth and Hilton streets were reported on favorably by Councilman Merritt and approved by Council.

Complaints as to the condition of the sidewalk on the north side of Chestnut street from the rear of the New Murchison building to Water street, and the north side of Princess between Water and Front were referred to the city attorney for investigation and report at a special meeting, to be held probably next Monday. In the meantime the property owners will be instructed to make the necessary improvements.

Chief N. J. Williams reported that a property owner on Market street had suggested that all property owners on this street between Tenth and Seventeenth be required to improve their sidewalks as the street is being paved, instead of waiting until the paving is finished. Council thought the suggestion a good one. A petition for the improvement of Meares street from Third to Front was received, but not acted upon. George H. Ward was granted a license to conduct a meat market at 801 South Eighth street, his application having been approved by the health department. Mr. F. W. Peiffer was granted permission to sell fireworks during the holidays from a stand at the Airdome site.

Fireman Roger S. Liles, who was injured some time ago and who is still on crutches, presented a bill from his physician for $100. Council, however, declined to allow it, on recommendation of Chief Schnibben, who reported that Mr. Liles received free service at the hospital; was paid $180 out of the firemen's fund and also drew his regular salary straight through. Councilman Merritt thought it might be perhaps be a good idea for the city to take out liability policies on all its firemen. Later in the meeting Mr. C. L. Dickinson appeared and suggested that he be allowed to submit a proposition at a later meeting relative to a blanket policy on all the city employes. He will submit his data at the next meeting.

On recommendation of Councilman Wood, it was decided to allow the fish dealers who have moved their stands to the rear of the market house one month's rent as recompensation for the amounts they have expended personally in fitting up their stands. Mr. Wood also urged that the north side of the market, formerly used by the fish stands, and now being used by country carts, be paved with concrete.

Mr. Wood again brought up the matter of the city receiving some compensation from the firm of Alexander Sprunt & Son for the use of a shed on the wharf, but finally decided with other members to drop the matter temporarily, as it is hoped to get a bill through the Legislature allowing the city to charge for the use of streets and wharves.

On recommendation of City Attorney Bryan, the suit of Hewlett against the city, which resulted in a mistrial at the last term of court, was compromised by paying the plaintiff $200.

PENDER COUNTY PRIMARY TEACHERS ORGANIZED

County Teachers Meeting Marked by Several Interesting Features.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Burgaw, N. C., Dec. 9.—The second meeting of the Pender County Teachers' Association was held Saturday in the Burgaw high school building. The features of the meeting were: The organization of the Pender Primary Teachers' Association, introduction of a resolution regarding contagious diseases and addresses by Dr. L. A. Williams, of the University of North Carolina, and Father Kneusel, of St. Helena.

A resolution was introduced as follows: "No pupil shall be allowed to attend any public school while any member of the household is sick of smallpox, diphtheria, measles, scarlet fever, yellow fever, typhoid fever, or cholera, or within two weeks after the death, recovery or removal of such sick persons; unless satisfactory evidence is presented to the teachers, that the attendance of such pupil will not endanger the health of the children of the school." The county superintendent was asked to present the resolution to the county board of education and ask that they put the resolution in force. As the State laws now stand there is no relief for schools from contagious diseases and this is the only remedy that school authorities have been able to work out.

In a masterful address, Dr. L. A. Williams, of the department of education of the University of North Carolina, said that there were three problems that now confront the State. They are as follows: illiteracy, indifference of the literate, and sanitation or disease. He presented many striking illustrations of the proportion of illiteracy and of the cost of non-attendance in our State.

Father Kneusel, of St. Helena, being a native German, was asked to give a few words regarding Germany's position in the war. His talk gave a clearer insight into the war as seen from the German viewpoint.

It is a fact worthy of mention that when the primary teachers met to organize a Primary Teachers' Association, that every primary teacher of the county was present.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. C. Pratlow, Point Caswell school; vice president, Mrs. R. K. Bryan, Scott's Hill school; secretary, Miss Blanche Paddison, Burgaw High school.

The county commencement committee rest and selected the following committees to take charge of the various parts of the coming county commencement:

Uniform county examination for Seventh grade, C. O. Fisher, T. S. Teague, W. M. Shaw, A. L. Goodrich and Miss Maggie Johnson.

Athletics, W. M. Shaw; exhibits, Douglass Hand; literary, C. O. Fisher; prizes, T. T. Murphy.

Those committees will be prepared to submit the full county commencement programme at the next meeting of the county teachers which will be held in January.

Superintendent Murphy has announced that he has secured Prof. Griffin of Marion to be with the teachers at the next meeting. Prof. Griffin is one of the authors of Foust & Griffin's speller and is recognized as one of the State's leading educators and the teachers are assured of a treat.

OYSTERS GALORE AND NO MARKET FOR THEM.

Bivalves so Abundant That Newbern Market is Glutted.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 9.—There are oysters galore on the Newbern market, luscious bivalves of any size from the inest "mussel" up to the big fellows that make one's mouth "water" to look at them, but there is no market for them and the dealers are going about with long faces and wishing that the consuming public would whet up their appetite and thus increase the demand for this variety of water food. Yesterday there were a number of boat loads of oysters brought into port and disposed of to the local dealers.

The dealers are in fact the men who get the worst end of the bargain. While not forced to purchase the oysters from the men who take them from the watery depths, they are doing this and taking a chance on the consequences. The quality of the oysters just now is very good, in fact, as good as has been the case in many years. Reports from Virginia ports are to the effect that there also the demand for the bivalves is very small and is far exceeded by the supply.

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WANTS TO KNOW THE CITY'S ATTITUDE

Will it Pay for Improvements at Carolina Heights and Place?

Burke H. Bridgers, Esq., Put Query to City Council at Weekly Session Yesterday—Answer Promised Within Few Weeks.

Councilmanic deliberations at the weekly session yesterday centered chiefly around a discussion of the city's attitude toward the question of compensating individuals for money expended for public improvements at Carolina Heights and Carolina Place when those two residential suburbs shall have been taken into the corporate limits by legislative enactment at the next General Assembly. The matter came up when Burge H. Bridgers, Esq., in charge of the interests of the Bridgers estate, including the Carolina Heights development, appeared before Council and asked for a definite statement from the body as to its attitude in the matter. After a lengthy discussion of the subject, Council gave Mr. Bridgers no definite answer to his inquiry, but promised him that it would be definitely answered within the next few weeks.

Mr. Bridgers put his query to Council in the form of three questions, as follows:

First, what is the attitude of Council with reference to paying for the water pipes at the two resorts?

Second, what is the attitude of Council with reference to paying for the private sewerage system there?

Third, what is the attitude of Council with reference to paying for the street improvements at Carolina Heights?

All three questions were based on the assumption that the two suburbs are to be taken into the extended city limits, and Mr. Bridgers asked for a definite and separate answer to each one of them, within the next several weeks, or before the Legislature convenes in January.

Mr. Bridgers, in his remarks, declared that it was his opinion that the city was legally responsible for the amounts which have been expended by the American Suburban Company in providing a water system for Carolina Place and the Bridgers estate in providing water and sewerage for Carolina Heights. He admitted that he did not believe the city could be legally compelled to pay for the street improvements at Carolina Heights, but said that he thought the obligation was a moral one.

City Attorney E. K. Bryan, during the discussion, remarked that he was not prepared to express an opinion as to the water and sewerage propositions, but declared that personally he was of the opinion that the city was not under the slightest obligation, legal or moral, to pay for the street improvements. Councilman T. W. Wood was also of a similar opinion, and while he did not express himself definitely as to the water and sewerage matters, his comments indicated that he would probably be opposed to the idea of any compensation for these.

Mr. Bridgers, in beginning his remarks, read several clauses from a contract between the American Suburban Company and the Clarendon Water Company, whereby for a consideration of $1,300 paid to the latter, it agreed to lay a main out Market street, from 10th to 17th street, and allow the Suburban company to connect its own water system with this main. It further agreed to purchase from the private syetem at the end of a certain period, or to refund the people served by the system half of the water rents charged them. Mr. Bridgers also read a clause in the agreement between the City of Wilmington and the Clarendon Water Company at the time of the purchase of the water system by the municipality, whereby the city agreed to take over all contracts and obligations of the company. The city, Mr. Bridgers pointed out, has never purchased the water pipes at Carolina Heights, and he expressed the belief that unless it did so, when the suburb is annexed, it would be liable for half of the water rents collected there.

The existence of such a contract, Mr. Bridgers said, removed all doubts as to what Carolina Heights was entitled to in this respect. A similar contract, he said, was made for Carolina Heights but had never been signed. However, he was of the opinion that such a contract did not have to be in writing to be effective, and he had letters to prove that such an agreement was entered into.

Mr. Bridgers said that there was no disposition on the part of the property owners and residents of the two suburbs to resist annexation, but they all wanted to see the thing done fairly, and that if these two suburbs were to be singled out from all the others to be taken into the city, those who had spent money for public improvements there should be recompensed.

If, on the other hand, the extension of the city limits was made general, and large enough to take in all the other suburban developments, he felt sure that the property owners of Carolina Heights and Carolina Place would ask nothing from the city.

In speaking of the sewerage system at Carolina Heights, Mr. Bridgers pointed out that it also served part of Carolina Place and several residences inside the city limits. He thought the city ought to pay for this system when the suburb was annexed.

When the subject of the city paving for the street improvements at Carolina Heights was brought up, Councilman Wood came out strongly against the idea, and Councilman Loughlin, who arrived late and did not hear the discussion of the water pipes and sewerage system, also was strongly opposed to the idea, so that no matter what action is taken with regard to the water pipes and sewerage system, the city will hardly consent to pay for the street improvements.

Death of Mrs. Sallie Parker.

Many friends will be deeply grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Sallie O. Parker, which occurred at her home near Kirkland Tuesday night at 10:40 o'clock. She was 57 years old and surviving her are her husband, Mr. G. R. Parker. She was a member of the Methodist church. The funeral will be conducted from the residence this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and the interment will be in the family burying ground.

CAPT. JESSE WILDER DEAD

Prominent Naval Stores Man in Wilmington for Many Years—Career of Great Usefulness Ended.

Capt. Jesse Wilder, for nearly 50 years prominent in Wilmington as a business man, passed away yesterday afternoon at 3:20 o'clock after an illness of six weeks. He had sufficiently recovered from his first attack to be able to return to his work on the wharf ten days ago, but suffered a relapse after two days. He grew gradually worse, but his wonderful vitality did not fail him and he remained conscious almost to the last moment.

The announcement of his death will bring profound sorrow not only to a host of friends in Wilmington, but throughout this entire section. He had been in the naval stores business since 1868 on the wharf and was widely known to the trade both in the North and South. He had been in this business here longer than anyone else.

He was simple and unaffected in manner, full of the joy of living, industrious, always mindful of his own affairs and always willing and glad to help those in need. Had he lived until next February he would have been 78 years old, and yet so lightly did his years rest upon him, that unless one knew his age, he was always considered to be much younger.

Captain Wilder took a prominent interest in fraternal organizations, finding there taught many of the lessons which he daily practiced. He became a member of St. Johns' Lodge of Masons, No. 1, on January 10, 1868, and at the time of his death was the only living charter member of Stonewall Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias, which was organized in 1879.

The business of Captain Wilder on the wharf, now the George L. Morton Company, was founded by Captain Wilder in 1868, shortly after the close of the War Between the States. He continued the business alone and most successfully until 1872, when he was joined by the late S. H. Morton, his brother-in-law. Upon the death of the latter, his son, Col. George L. Morton, took his place and the George L. Morton Company was established, with Captain Wilder as general manager. They did as big business in naval stores and Captain Wilder was recognized as being the best posted man in this line in this section.

Captain Wilder served for four years in the Confederate Army, one year in the Second Georgia battalion of infantry and three years in the Fourth North Carolina cavalry. He was captured the day before the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox and spent some months in the Federal prison at Sandusky, Ohio.

Captain Wilder was a native of Onslow county, but in early boyhood moved with his parents to Georgia. Before the war he was engaged in the naval stores business in that State, and gave this up to enter the Confederate army.

For ten years or longer Captain Wilder served as a member from the First ward on the Democratic Board of Audit and Finance of the city of Wilmington, having given up this office in November, 1910.

The only near relatives surviving him are his niece, Miss Eliza Morton, who was a constant attendant at his bedside during his last illness and was with him when the end came, and a nephew, George L. Morton, Jr., both these being children of Col. George L. Morton, formerly of this city and now of Atlanta, Ga. Capt. Wilder's wife died about 40 years ago and he never married again.

The funeral will be conducted from the Orton hotel this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, a lifelong friend of the deceased. The interment will be in Bellevue cemetery and will be with Masonic honors. The members of Cape Fear camp of Confederate veterans, of which he was a member, will also attend the services and will escort the remains of their comrade and friend to the grave.

The pallbearers will be as follows: Gen. James I. Metts and Messrs. Herbert McClammy, R. C. Cantwell, S. M. Boatwright, John S. McEachern and A. S. Holden.

TO ELECT DIRECTORS OF Y. M. C. A. TONIGHT

Election Will Be Held at Association Building—Rules.

The terms of office of four of the directors of the Y. M. C. A. having expired, an election will be held tonight to elect their successors. Rules and regulations governing the election have been posted at the association building and are as follows:

The term of office of four directors expired this month and the active membership is entitled to nominate and elect either the same four members or others eligible to be active members of the association.

Those elected will serve for a term of three years or until such time as they resign.

Ballot box will be placed in convenient place on the counter and nominations will be published in the lobby the morning of the election.

Not more than six members of the board shall be members of the same denomination. Should the election result in the choice of a greater number the board shall decide who shall remain.

Names of directors whose term of office expires: W. W. Koch, Lutheran; W. B. Thorpe, Episcopal; V. Hall, Episcopal; R. F. Coleman, Baptist.

FIREBOAT HAS NEW PUMP.

Was Launched Yesterday After Being Repaired on Board Steamer.

A new engine and pump has been installed on the Atlantic, Wilmington's fire boat, the work having been done on board the steamer John W. Frederick, Jr. The fire boat was lifted bodily out of the water by the powerful derrick of the Fredericks and placed on this vessel, where the work was done. It was completed and the boat launched yesterday.

The new pump is of the rotary type and is driven by a 90 horse power, six cylinder, four cycle gasoline engine, the entire apparatus having been manufactured by the American LaFrance Engine Co. The pump, which will be tested out in a few days, is guaranteed to throw a stream of 1,400 gallons a minute. The old engine was only capable of pumping 800 gallons a minute. The pressure will be about 180 pounds with the new apparatus, which will be 20 pounds more than in the old one.

The wood covering for the fireboat will be removed and will be replaced with steel. This work will be done in a short time.

FAIR PROGRESS YESTERDAY

Number of Cases Disposed of in Superior Court—Receivership Matter Made Permanent.

Very fair progress was made at yesterday's session of Superior Court, several minor cases having been disposed of by trial, entries being made in others and several receivership matters being handled by Judge Allen at Chambers. The appointment of A. S. Williams, Esq., as receiver for the Holly Shelter Land Company several days ago was yesterday made permanent.

The company was thrown into the hands of a receiver on petition of Mr. Royal C. Remick, of this city, who owns 50 per cent. of its stock, and who, in his affidavit, set forth that its liabilities amounted to $220,000, including mortgages now due. Wages to a total of about $4,000, due employes, also constituted part of the indebtedness.

The company owns a large tract of timber land in Pender county, and it was stated that its failure to meet its obligations is due to the failure of another company to take the amount of timber it had contracted for.

The order signed by Judge Allen yesterday directs the receiver to pay Mr. F. T. Mills his claim of $96; to make pro-rata payment of the labor claims from funds that may come into his hands and to pay the salary of J. T. Drake, also to sell the property of the company whenever he can do so to advantage.

In the case of the Hyman Supply Company against C. B. Newcomb, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant, answering that he owed the plaintiff nothing.

Mrs. Maggie W. Howell was granted a judgment for divorce from her husband, William L. Howell.

An order was signed in the case of G. F. Hunt and others against the Waverly Furniture Company, confirming the sale of the property of the company for $3,000.

Entries were made in other cases yesterday as follows: J. W. Capps and others against George W. Davidson and others, plaintiff called and failed, judgment of non-suit; H. L. Vollers, executor, against L. H. McClammy, plaintiff, called and failed, non suit entered; Richard Williams against R. F. Brooks, judgment; Eric Norden against Navassa Guano Company, dismissed; Northern Fruit Company against S. A. L. Railway and others, leave to file amended answer as of this term.

The trial of the Northern Fruit Company against the Seaboard Railway Company was begun, but on account of the absence of certain evidence, a juror was withdrawn and a mistrial ordered.

RE-ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

McRary Again Heads Colored Masonic Body—Will Meet Next Year in Winston-Salem.

(By George F. King.)

Much elated over the success of their officers and with perfect harmony prevailing, the delegates attending the 45th annual communication of the F. and A. A. Masons of the jurisdiction of North Carolina yesterday afternoon voted to re-elect their grand lodge officers. Winston-Salem was chosen as the next meeting place.

M. W. G. M. R. B. McRary received 1,257 votes, against 230 polled by Dr. J. B. Dudley, following which his election was made unanimous. The other officers reelected are: R. W. G. S., Dr. C. S. Brown, Winton; R. W. G. T., A. R. Middleton, Kenansville; R. W. G. S. W., W. E. Purvis, Greensboro; R. W. G. J. W., W. S. Simmons, Bayboro. The re-election of Dr. McRary means that Col. James H. Young, of Raleigh, will continue as grand endowment secretary, this being an appointive office.

Splendid reports were made yesterday by R. W. G. T., A. R. Middleton, and R. W. G. C., Dr. C. S. Brown, and the latter was given an ovation by the craft.

That Col. James H. Young, grand endowment secretary, is conducting his office in a most capable and constructive manner was strikingly attested yesterday. In making his report he said in part:

"During these twelve years we have paid in full 1,379 death claims, amounting to the enormous sum of $335,288.

"This great and useful department today is the pride of Masons who know of its beneficent work, but it will not long remain so if you take any steps which will weaken and destroy it. As long as you have a surplus and can pay your claims promptly there is no danger of any calamity."

He reported a surplus of $10,000 of which $7,500 is in North Carolina four per cent. bonds. Continuing, he said:

"Last year we collected $56,826.38 and paid out $52,504, leaving a balance of $17,214.63, while this year we have collected $69,480.75, and paid out $65,724.50, leaving a balance of $20,970.88. It will be observed that there is an increase of about $12,000 in our collections this year over that of last year."

The "Lodge of Sorrow," held by the grand last night, was appropriately observed.

Today at 2:30 p. m., the members of the grand lodge will assemble at St. Stephen's A. M. E. church, where the sessions are being held, and will march to St. Luke's A. M. E. church, where the oration will be delivered by Dr. J. A. Bonner, of this city. This will be a public session.

The grand lodge will adjourn tonight.

GAFFORD DECLINES PLACE

Will Not Serve as Deputy Recorder of New Hanover County.

Walter P. Gaffordd Esq., will not serve as Deputy Recorder of New Hanover county, he stated yesterday, because his judicial duties would interfere with his law practice. Recorder Brooke G. Empie announced soon after his election as Recorder that he would name Mr. Gafford as Deputy Recorder.

Mr. Empie stated yesterday afternoon that he had not decided upon anyone to fill the place.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the assembly room on the seventh floor of the Murchison building.

—By deed filed for record yesterday Geo. O. Gaylord transfers to R. Frank Brittain, Jr., and wife, for $100 and other considerations, tract of four acres in Harnett township, near old Meares road.

INTERESTING DATA ON CAPE FEAR COMMERCE

Report of Chief of Army Engineers Made Public.

Improvement of River Has Resulted in Lower Freight Rates—Considered Advisable to Improve Northeast Cape Fear.

The total expenditures on all projects on the Cape Fear river up to June 30, 1914, was $5,805,790.83, according to the report of the chief of engineers of the United States army, which has just been made public in Washington, according to dispatches from there. Besides interesting data about the commerce of the Cape Fear there are also some instructive statements in the annual report concerning other North Carolina river and harbor projects. While the State gets her share of the $20,000,000 provided in the last river and harbor bill, the report states, many of the projects already begun will suffer, if additional money is not provided soon.

"The commerce of the Cape Fear of the year 1913", says the report, "amounted to 773,610 tons, valued at $46,736,713.06, a decrease below the year before of 298,595 tons. The commerce consisted principally of cotton, cottonseed meal, naval stores, manufactured lumber, shingles, fertilizers, coal, gum logs, cross ties and merchandise.

"As a result of the improvement, vessels coming to Wilmington are much larger than formerly, the average tonnage in 1886 being 421, while in 1913, the average was 1,508. This increase in tonnage has caused a corresponding decrease in freight rates on shipments by water.

"It is proposed to apply the additional appropriation recommended as a profitable expenditure in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, to completing the improvement and to maintenance and dredging."

The amount allotted for the Cape Fear above Wilmington is $70,000, making available for the year ending June 30, 1915, $139,561.07.

For the lower Cape Fear the allotment is $115,000, making available $187,610.86.

A number of new projects are planned by the chief of engineers. It is considered advisable to improve Northeast Cape Fear river for three miles above Hilton bridge; Mantco bay at a cost of $28,000 with $2,000 annually for maintenance; Cape Channel at a cost of $17,900; Beaufort harbor by providing a turning basin in front of the town of Beaufort, for $15,900, and Thoroughfare bay, at a cost of $5,200.

The inland waterway from Pamlico Sound to Beaufort Inlet has been completed, the report continues, and during the fiscal year, ending June 30, last, 4,752 steamers, yachts and other vessels passed through the waterway. The draw in Core Creek was opened 2,510 times. The commerce for 1913 amounted to 57,457 short tons, valued at $1,285,394.63, an increase of 4,047 short tons over last year. The commerce consisted principally of cotton, lumber, timber, fish, farm products and general merchandise. The improvements have had a beneficial effect on freight rates. The sum of $3,400 is allotted for the maintenance of this waterway.

There is sufficient money on hand to carry on the work on the harbor of refuge at Cape Lookout. An allotment of $5,000 is made for the project at the harbor at Beaufort. For Beaufort Inlet $10,000 is allotted, making available $18,610.17 for the year ending June 30.

The report shows that during the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1914, the United States operated the inland waterway from Norfolk to Beaufort Inlet at a cost of $19,774.01, exclusive of outstanding liabilities. The freight that passed through the canal amounted to 258,441 tons. The total number of passengers carried were 6,552. The vessels that passed through numbered 5,342.

The Scuppernong river project had an unexpended balance of $324.87 July 1, and the chief of engineers says that $5,400 could be profitably expended in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916.

Fishing Creek has available for the year ending June 30, 1915, $1,467.54 and could use $2,000 the next year.

Improvements in the waterway connecting Swan Quarter Bay with Deep Bay have rendered navigation safe between Swan Quarter and Pamlico river. The freight transported in that waterway last year was 1,881 tons more than that of the previous year.

The improvements on Pamlico and Tar rivers have helped to keep down freight rates, the engineer's report says, and an allotment of $18,500 is provided for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915.

Bay river has $1,205.64 to run till June 30 next and could use $3,400 the year following.

The South river project has been completed.

The Neuse river improvements were followed by an increase of traffic last year of 60,820 tons, in grain, lumber, fertilizers and general merchandise. The engineer has allotted $25,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915.

The increase in tonnage in the Trent river for a year after the improvements were made amounted to 37,279 tons.

NEGRO SENT TO ROADS

Walter Scott Gets Three Months for Larceny of Meat.

To have to work for three months for a piece of meat is rather expensive, but this is the penalty that Walter Scott had handed to him yesterday by Recorder Empie for an alleged robbery of a delivery boy. Scott was charged with highway robbery, but this was amended to a charge of larceny. This was the first road sentence imposed by Recorder Empie since he has been in office.

Judgment was left open in a case against Frank Kelly, colored, alleged to have been one of the three negroes who entered D. C. Sneed's store at No. 615 Campbell street Saturday night and after an attempt to rob the money drawer ran away, one of them shooting Sneed in the shoulder. A case against Nellie Russell, a white woman, charged with nuisance, was nol prossed.

—Mr. A. B. Croom, Jr., chairman of the executive committee of the State Hospital for the Insane, is in Raleigh attending a meeting of the board of directors of this institution.

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The Literature Department of Sorosis will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Sorosis building on North Third street.

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There will be an important meeting of the board of directors of the Y. W. C. A. this morning at 10 o'clock in the association building on North Fourth street.

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—Rev. W. M. Craig, assistant pastor of the First Baptist church, has returned from Aulander, where he attended a Baraca and Philathea district meeting. He preached at the meeting Sunday.

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Miss Catherine I. Brown, of the United States Engineer's office in Wilmington, left last evening for College Park, Md., where she will spend the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives.

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This afternoon beginning at 3 o'clock the Parish Guild of St. John's Episcopal church, together with the Young Woman's Auxiliary will have their annual Christmas sale in the Parish house, corner Third and Red Cross streets. There will be articles of all kinds to fill in the chinks of Christmas shopping.

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Mrs. R. H. Grant announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Anna Grant, to Mr. Paul L. Bissell, Jr., of Charleston, S. C., the wedding to take place in the near future. This announcement will come with much pleasure to hundreds of friends of Miss Grant in Wilmington and elsewhere throughout the State.

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ENJOYABLE PLAY FOR BENEFIT OF PARISH GUILD

"The Home Guards," a play given for the benefit of the Parish Guild of the Church of the Good Shepherd, was presented at the hall, corner Sixth and Queen streets, Thursday evening and was a splendid success in every way. By request the play will be repeated during the holiday. Much credit is due Mrs. J. M. Lord for her efficient work in training those who took part so creditably. The cast of characters was as follows:

Mrs. Brown—Mrs. W. B. Daniels.
Matilda, her daughter—Mrs. E. J. Irving.
Aunt Debby—Miss Ollie Mier.
Two timid girls—Misses Cralie Farrow and Oliver Hewlett.
The old maid sisters—Misses Gladys Litgen and Mary Hewlett.
Mrs. Long—Miss Mabel Mier.

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RECEPTION AND DANCE AT GERMANIA CLUB THIS EVENING.

What promises to be one of the most enjoyable social events in some time will be the reception and dance to be given at the Germania Club this evening by the members of the German-American Alliance in honor of all the ladies who assisted in the recent bazaar given for the purpose of raising funds for the relief of the German widows and orphans in the Fatheriand.

The club rooms will be tastefully decorated for the occasion and music by an ochestra, dancing, refreshments and other entertainment features will make the evening an enjoyable one for all.

All the ladies who assisted in the recent bazaar are invited and Mr. H. E. Bonitz, chairman of the committee on arrangements, requests that if any have failed to receive their invitations, they let him know at once. The chaperones will be the chairmen of the different booth committees and the chairman and secretary of the Ladies' Aid Society.

The reception committee is composed of Messrs. J. G. L. Gieschen, M. G. Tiencken, C. P. B. Mahler, Carl Fick, J. O. Oldenbuttel, W. H. Banck, C. W. Polvogt and H. Schad.

The committee on arrangements is composed of Messrs. H. E. Bonitz, E. P. Banck, J. G. Kulkhen and H. A. Weber.

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STOVALL-CORBETT WEDDING BRILLIANT SOCIAL EVENT.

One of the leading social events of the season in Wilmington was the marriage of Miss Nora Meade Corbett, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael John Corbett, to Lieut. Harry Wylie Stovall, of the Coast Artillery Corps, U. S. A., at the home of the bride's parents, No. 119 South Fourth street, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father C. Dennen, rector of St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, assisted by Rev. Father Watkins.

Besides the members of the family and their friends there were also present a number of the officers from Fort Caswell, the dress uniforms of the officers adding a distinctive touch to the scene.

The handsome home was beautifully decorated for the occasion with palms, evergreens and chrysanthemums,the color scheme being blue and white. The improvised altar in the living room was banked with evergreens, palms and flowers, the whole presenting a most attractive effect.

Prof. Geo. L. Johnson presided at the piano and Prof. E. Barbey accompanied him on the violin.

Promptly at the hour of 5 o'clock the bridal party entered through the front hall and the parlor to the living room in the following order: First came little Miss Katherine Corbett, the charming little sister of the bride, followed by Miss Madeline Corbett, first bridesmaid, and next Messrs. Hugh Hines and Richard Grant, groomsmen, followed by two bridesmaids, Misses Routh Bridgers and Juliette Albright. Then came Messrs. Irving Corbett and Herbert O'Neill, groomsmen, followed by Miss Margaret Corbett, sister of the bride, maid of honor. The bride came last on the arm of her father by whom she was given away.

The groom with his best man, Lieut. S. W. Stanley, of Fort Caswell, were waiting before the improvised altar, where the vows were said.

The bride was attired in a costume of white charmeuse, court train, trimmed in rose point lace and wore a cap of the same material with tulle veil. She carried a shower bouquet of bride roses and lilies of the valley.

The maid of honor was gowned in white charmeuse, trimmed with jeweled lace and carried a large bouquet of pink Killarney roses.

The bridesmaids were dressed in blue taffeta and carried old fashioned bouquets in lace holders of sweetheart buds and forget-me-nots.

The flower girl was dressed in white net over pink and carried a bouquet of same style as the bridesmaids.

Following the wedding a reception was given at the home in honor of the bridal party. Lieut. and Mrs. Stovall left on the 6:45 train for their honeymoon, which will be spent in northern cities. After January 1st they will be at home at Fortress Monroe, Va.

There were on display in the front hall a varied assortment of silverware of many costly designs, cut glass and other articles, gifts to the bride and groom.

Lieutenant Stovall has been stationed for the past three years at Fort Caswell but has been transferred to Fortress Monroe. He is a member of a well known Georgia family. He has many friends in Wilmington and has been prominent in social circles.

Mrs. Stovall is a young lady of many charms and has a wide circle of friends in Wilmington and elsewhere.

Among the out-of-town guests were Miss Margaret Corbett, aunt of the bride, of Norwalk, Conn.; Miss Elizabeth Wingo, Richmond, Va.; and Mr. John Dennen Corbett, brother of the bride, a student at the Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.

A dinner was given in honor of the bridal party Monday evening by Miss Routh Bridgers and Tuesday evening after the rehearsal the party was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Brown.

HEALTH EXPERTS COMING

Dr. C. W. Stiles and Dr. L. L. Lumsden Will be Here Today to Look Over Sanitation in County.

Dr. C. W. Stiles, professor of zoology, United States Public Health Service, and Dr. L. L. Lumsden, one of the foremost sanitation experts of the public health service, will arrive this morning to spend the day inspecting the fine results of the sanitation work that has been accomplished in New Hanover county during the past year or more and especially the past six or eight months.

A telegram was received yesterday by Dr. John Thames, assistant county health officer, who is in charge of the health department while Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt, county health officer, is away on his vacation, in which Dr. Stiles stated that Dr. Lumsden was extremely anxious to see something of the splendid work that has been done in the county, and that they would arrive this morning. He requested that Dr. Thames be prepared to accompany them if possible, and also requesting that several members of the sanitary police corps be detailed to go along.

A recent issue of the United States Public Health Service Bulletin told of the fine work that has been accomplished in Cape Fear township, this county, by the Rockefeller Commission, the local health department and the public health service, through which Cape Fear township now enjoys the reputation of being the leading township in the whole South from the standpoint of rural sanitation.

This announcement has been commented on by the press all over the country and has brought New Hanover county much valuable publicity.

Dr. Lumsden, who is the typhoid expert of the public health service, and who is deeply interested in sanitation problems, expressed a desire to personally look over the work that had been done here, and Dr. Stiles, who is stationed at Wilmington during the summer months, and is more or less familiar with the local health work, invited him to come down and inspect it.

PLAY AT ACADEMY TONIGHT

"Miss Fearless & Co." Will Be Given by Local Talent for Benefit of Belgian Relief Fund.

"Miss Fearless & Co." will be presented at the Academy of Music tonight beginning promptly at 8:15 o'clock, the proceeds to go to the Belgian Relief fund. The play was given some weeks ago at the Boys' Brigade armory by the same company that will present it tonight and was a great success. An enjoyable evening is promised those who attend and an opportunity is also given to contribute to a worthy cause. In addition to the play there will be a number of bright snappy songs by carefully selected choruses, in which are some of the best voices in Wilmington.

Tickets were placed on sale at Woodall & Sheppard's yesterday morning and they are going fast. The price of admission at 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children. There are no reserved seats and those who want front seats should come early.

The play is about some girls who wanted to get away from the boys and went to Spook Island for that purpose. But as it always happens the boys were near at hand, having camped on another island nearby. The complications arising from the attempt of the girls to carry out their contract not to see a young man for one month provide enough fun to keep the interest up to a high pitch throughout the play.

But aside from this evening of fun which is promised is the deeper consideration for the suffering Belgians. Says Archibald Johnson, of Charity and Children, recognized as the most fearless editors in the State: "A wave of compassion for the suffering Belgians is running deep and strong throughout the United States. It is altogether creditable to our people that their hearts are moved with pity for these wreched people. Since the world began there has hardly been a parallel to the Belgian situation."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. H. H. Ford has returned from a business trip to Mulling, S. C.

—Mr. R. W. Freeman, of Wilson, was in the city yesterday, registering at the Orton.

—Mr. G. C. Lamb, Jr., of Scotland Neck, was in the city yesterday, stopping at the Orton.

—Mr. G. R. Dawson, of Chester, S. C., and Mr. Geo. L. Frazier, of Florence, S. C., were guests at the Orton yesterday.

—Mr. L. V. Hester, who has been living in Wilmington for the last four years, left yesterday for his old home near Clarkton, where he will engage in farming.

—W. J. Bellamy, Esq., has returned from Charlotte, where he delivered the memorial address at the Lodge of Sorrow of the Elks. Mr. Bellamy's address was of a high order and was commented upon most favorably by the large audience present at the exercises.

CONVENTION HAS A DAY OF FEATURES

(Continued From Page One.)

has recently been employed to take the field and secure a sufficient sum to meet the indebtedness against the institution. Prof. G. E. Lineberry, for five years secretary of the Board of Secondary Schools, was chosen to the presidency last August and is now in charge with a faculty of 14. He reports 95 students enrolled. Chowan clubs are being organized among the alumni of the institution and these clubs have now a loan fund for students of $400.

Oxford College, reports through its president, Prof. Hobgood, an enrollment of over 100 and bright prospects. Wednesday morning a special train brought 70 of the young ladies from Oxford College attending the Convention at Wake Forest.

Secondary Schools.

Wingate school, located in Union county, reports a good year and an increased enrollment. This institution has Prof. J. G. Carroll as principal, and D. M. Johnson as associate. The school is the property of Mecklenburg-Cabarrus, Pee Dee and Anson associations and is growing in power and service.

The Board of Secondary Schools reports the resignation of Secretary G. E. Lineberry and the fact that the entire matter of education was in the hands of a committee to report at this session has led the board to postpone the election of a successor until after this convention. During the past five years this board has raised over $60,000 for the purpose of paying off the indebtedness on secondary schools. During the past year the indebtedness on Round Hill Academy was provided for and a new dormitory was erected for boys. There are three colleges and 15 secondary schools under the control of the Baptist denomination. The property is valued at $1,394,210, and these institutions have 194 officers and teachers and nearly 4,000 pupils. In addition there are six other schools under Baptist control in the State and are considered Baptist schools. These six institutions own property valued at $150,000 and have 45 teachers and 1,000 pupils. The total value of the Baptist educational institutions of North Carolina is over $1,500,000 and there are over 5,000 pupils enrolled in these institutions.

Meredith College.

The trustees of Meredith College report 355 students, an increase over last year. Four features mark this year. The trustees have added a course of common school music and art, preparing students to teach these subjects in public schools. An elective course in Bible doctrine has been arranged. A two-year course leading to a junior college diploma preparing students to teach in the High School. At a cost of $2,064.68 the board has opened a home economics. The faculty has been strengthened. During the year the collections on endowment amounted to $33,431.11, making a total cash endowment of $84,864.15.

Pastors' Conference.

A special feature of the Pastors' Conference yesterday afternoon, held as a preliminary to the Baptist State Convention, was the report on the Baptist Ministers' Assurance Association, which was organized two years ago at the convention held in Goldsboro, being strictly a North Carolina institution. The statistical report was submitted by Rev. W. P. Campbell, of Fuquay Springs, president of the organization, and there was a discussion of this phase of ministerial co-operation and its benefits by Rev. T. J. Taylor, who has been closely identified with the movement.

The report showed about 100 members, and that there have been three deaths among the membership since the association was formed. The system is for an assessment of $1 a member to be made on the occasion of each death of a member. The association has paid two death benefits in this way and an assessment for the third death is now being made.

Impromptu Talks.

The opening exercises for the conference yesterday morning took the form of impromptu talks by ministers on "The Preacher's Heart Life," and was followed by an address by Rev. R. A. McFarland, of Scotland Neck, on "The Efficient Pastor," in which the speaker followed up the topic for the opening exercises and stressed the heart life as the overshadowing necessity in efficient pastoral work. Important as he considered physical strength and mental training for the work, he put the heart life far above all else in the pastoral equipment.

Rev. Henry F. Cope followed Rev. Mr. McFarland with an address on "The Preacher Organizing His People." In this he stressed the importance of perfecting an organization that will keep membership at work on the basis of a really "seven-day church service" that will touch the life of his community at every point.

Rev. John R. Sampey.

Rev. John R. Sampey, of the Louisville Theological Seminary, spoke on "The Heart of the Gospel" and was asked many questions by members of the conference that elicited numerous interesting features. In this connection Doctor Sampey expressed the view that in the present European war Germany is reaping the evils of the "war spirit" or militarism that has dominated the country for so long; that France is realizing the consequences of her lack of recognition of God in her National affairs, and England is taking the consequences of her indifference to the soul welfare of the people in the slums of London and other great centers.

The conference yesterday afternoon elected the following officers for the next year: Rev. W. R. Cullam, Wake Forest College, president; Rev. J. Clyde Turner, Greensboro, vice president, and Rev. W. M. Gilmore, Louisburg, secretary. The conference ordered printed in pamphlet form a remarkable address by Rev. Baylus Cade, which he delivered before conference as the closing feature.

How She Discarded Unsightly Complexion

How often I exclaimed as I beheld my ugly complexion in the mirror, "If I only could tear off this old skin!" And, do you know, I've learned how to do that very thing? Not to actually remove the entire skin all of a sudden; that would be too heroic a method, and painful, too, I imagine. The worn-out cuticle comes off in such tiny particles, and so gradually—requiring about ten days to complete the transformation—it doesn't hurt a bit. Day by day the beautiful complexion underneath comes forth. Marvelous! No matter how muddy, rough, blotchy or aged your complexion, you can surely discard it by this simple process. Just get an ounce of ordinary mercolized wax at your druggist's, apply nightly like cold cream, washing it off mornings.

My wrinkles I got rid of by an equally simple method. By dissolving an ounce of powdered saxolite in a half-pint witch hazel and bathing my face in the solution, every line completely disappeared. First the finer lines, finally even the deep crow's feet, vanished entirely.—Mona Morrow in Town Tattler.

KITCHIN OPPOSED TO SHIP PURCHASE BILL

He and Page Will Vote "No" Unless it is Amended.

Favor Substitute to Authorize Government to Charter Sufficient Ships to Meet Needs, But Are Against Purchase.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Neither Claude Kitchin nor Robert N. Page will vote for the administration's ship purchase bill in its present form, notwithstanding the able effort made by the President yesterday to convince Congress that the bill should be passed.

Mr. Kitchin stated tonight that he would support a substitute bill which would authorize this government to charter sufficient ships to handle all cargoes to foreign countries. He is not willing, however, to purchase vessels for this purpose.

"The passage of the ship purchase bill in its present form," said Mr. Kitchin, "would mean an immediate expenditure of $10,000,000 and a bond issue of $40,000,000. We have just levied a war tax of $100,000,000 to meet the needs of the government. I am not willing to tax the people an additional $50,000,000 when it is not necessary to do so."

Winston in Washington.

District Attorney Francis D. Winston was here today to invite United States Treasurer Burke to speak in Raleigh January 18. Mr. Winston while here was admitted to practice before the Supreme court of the United States. He was introduced by Senator Overman.

P. R. A.

MRS. W. D. COTTEN DEAD

Whiteville Lady Passes Away as Result of Attack of Heart Trouble.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Whiteville, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Lula Cotten, wife of Mr. W. D. Cotten, of Whiteville, died at her home this morning at 2 o'clock, from an attack of heart trouble last night.

She retired as usual last night, in apparent good health, but about midnight was suddenly stricken ill and lived but out two hours. The death was a peculiarly sad one on account of the fact that her two youngest children were ill with scarlet fever and the family had been quarantined on account of the disease. Chronic bronchitis contributed to Mrs. Cotten's death.

Surviving her are three children and her husband. The remains will be taken to Mrs. Cotten's old home in Johnston county tomorrow and interment will be in the family burial ground there.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 1, A. F. & A. M.

Special communication this (Thursday) afternoon at 2:45 o'clock P. M., sharp, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to the memory of our deceased brother,

JESSE WILDER.

All members and visiting brothers are requested to join with us.

By order of the Master.

A. S. HOLDEN,
Secretary.

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS.

Special meeting Johnson-Blakeley Lodge of Perfection, No. 5, this (Thursday) evening for conferring degrees from Ninth to Fourteenth, inclusive. Members earnestly requested to be present.

Visiting brothers cordially invited.

Eight o'clock, sharp.

By order of the W. M.

L. A. SCOTT,
32d deg., Secretary.

Masonic Temple, Dec. 10th, 1914.

ORIENT LODGE, NO. 395, A. F. & A. M.

Special communication this (Thursday) evening at 8:00 o'clock, for work in the E. A. Degree.

All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially welcome.

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Catron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good. I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

UNSETTLED TONE IN COTTON

Report of Increased Southern Spot Offerings and New Orleans Selling Orders Affect Market.

New York, Dec. 9.—Reports of increased Southern spot offerings and New Orleans selling orders, gave the cotton market rather an unsettled tone today, and the close was steady at a net decline of 2 to 3 points.

The market opened steady at a decline of 1 to 2 points in sympathy with easier Liverpool cables. Trading was very quiet during the morning, but offerings increased shortly after midday and there seemed to be very little buying power around the ring. December was relatively steady while March and the later months about 3 to 9 points net lower.

Details of the proposed cotton loan plans as published before the opening created rather a bearish impression on sentiment. The main factor on the afternoon decline, however, appeared to be the increased Southern offerings and reports of an easier turn in the spot situation.

Spot cotton, quiet. Middling uplands, 7.50; do. gulf, 7.75; no sales.

Cotton futures closed steady.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan	7.19	....	....	7.14
Mar	7.38	7.39	7.32	7.33
May	7.56	7.58	7.51	7.51
July	7.73	7.74	7.67	7.67
Oct	8.00	8.00	7.92	7.92

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 11,936; exports, 4,420; sales, 1,400; stock, 273,822.

Galveston—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 20,238; exports, 18,314; sales, 979; stock, 392,066.

Mobile—Middling, 7; receipts, 1,105; exports, 6,976; sales, 275; stock, 38,496.

Savannah—Middling, 7; receipts, 16,-986; exports, 63; sales, 3,376; stock, 229,-207.

Charleston—Middling, 7; receipts, 1,-531; stock, 105,499.

Wilmington—Middling, 7; receipts, 1,-370; stock, 39,956.

Texas City—Receipts, 192.

Norfolk—Middling, 7; receipts, 1,631; sales, 1,242; stock, 59,910.

Baltimore—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 2,-637.

Boston—Middling, 7.50; receipts, 126; stock, 5,806.

Philadelphia—Middling, 7.75; stock, 4,707.

New York—Middling, 7.50; exports, 500; stock, 78,329.

Minor Ports—Receipts, 4,702; exports, 4,702; stock, 43,219.

Total today—Receipts, 60,636; exports, 34,956; stock, 1,273,638.

Total for week—Receipts, 240,746; exports, 183,742.

Total for season—Receipts, 3,345,664; exports, 1,660,237.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling, 7¾; receipts, 13,-554; sales, 2,437; stock, 156,664.

Memphis—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 9,-421; sales, 2,400; stock, 253,778.

Augusta—Middling, 7 15-16@7 3-16; receipts, 2,371; sales, 1,554; stock, 157,433.

St. Louis—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 7,-626; stock, 36,795.

Cincinnati—Receipts, 1,639; stock, 3,-258.

Little Rock—Middling, 6⅞; receipts, 1,995; stock, 51,401.

Dallas—Middling, 6¾; sales, 14,149.

Total today—Receipts, 37,106; shipments, 33,926; stock, 658,829.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Market Fell Off Under Pressure of Hedge Selling—Closed Easy.

New Orleans, Dec. 9.—Cotton fell away under the pressure of hedge selling today, preserving a good tone until late in the session but closing easy at the lowest of the day, a net loss of 8 to 12 points. Some investment buying was noted in the morning, but in the afternoon the market had little support.

The loss of one-sixteenth in local spot prices and of one-eighth at Dallas where middling was quoted at 6 3-4 and sales of 14,149 bales were reported, created rather an unfavorable impression. In shipping circles it was said exporters were bidding three dollars a hundred pounds for cotton room from Gulf ports to Bremen. Locally two of the largest steamship lines entering this port withdrew freight rates to English ports. This was taken to mean by some that their ships had already booked full cargoes but by others was thought to mean that a naval battle might be impending.

Foreign exports for the day totaled 34,956 bales, bringing exports for the season up to 1,660,237 bales. Spot cotton quiet; sales on the spot 300; to arrive 1,100.

Cotton futures closing: January 7.04; March 7.18; May 7.37; July 7.57; October 7.82.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET

New York, Dec. 9.—Cotton seed oil was higher early on the firmness of crude holders but prices turned easy later under selling by the west and an attempt on the part of refiners to liquidate some of their holdings. Final prices were unchanged to two points, net higher for leading months. Sales 14,700 barrels.

The market closed steady. Spot 5.85 to 60; December 5.86 to 5.88; January 5.86 to 5.93; January 6.07 to 6.11; March 6.17 to 6.18; April 6.26 to 6.29; May 6.37 to 6.38; June 6.47 to 6.49; July 6.56 to 6.58.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 9.—Spot cotton, quiet; prices, steady. American middling fair, 5.26; good middling, 4.62; middling, 4.36; low middling, 3.90; good ordinary, 3.25; ordinary, 2.80.

Sales, 6,000 bales, including, 5,800 American and 500 for speculation and export. Receipts, 20,297 bales, including 18,843 American.

Futures closed quiet. May and June, 4.10; July and August, 4.16; October and November, 4.26½; January and February, 4.31½.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Hogs—Weak. Bulk, 7.10@7.45; light, 6.90@7.65; mixed, 6.90@7.65; heavy, 6.85@7.50; rough, 6.85@7.00; pigs, 5.50@7.60.

Cattle—Firm. Christmas show yearlings, $13.00; other holiday heaves 10.75@12.60; native steers, 5.70@10.70; cows and heifers, 3.25@8.50; calves, 6.50@9.25.

Sheep — Firm. Sheep, 5.30@6.25; 5.40.

DECIDED BREAK IN WHEAT

Illness of German Emperor and Effect It May Have on Peace, Breaks the Advance Streak.

Chicago, Nov. 9.—The illness of the German Emperor and possibilities of its becoming a factor for peace, had much to do today with bringing a decided downturn in wheat. The market closed heavy, ¾@1 to 1¼c. under last night.

Corn finished a sixteenth to ⅛c off; oats, down ¼@⅜ to ½, and provisions varying from 5c. decline to a rise of 2½.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat — December, 1.15⅝; May, 1.20⅝.

Corn—December, 62; May, 68½.

Oats—December, 47; May, 51½.

Pork—January, 18.12; May, 18.52.

Lard—January, 9.77; May, 9.97.

Ribs—January, 9.77; May, 10.07.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.15¾@1.17¾; No. 2, hard, 1.16¼@1.17¼.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, old, 63½@64; new, 62½@63.

Oats—Standard, 47¼@48¼.

MARINE.

Cleared.

Str. Evcene (Amer. tank), 2,560 tons, Vex, towing barge No. 99, Baton Rouge, La.; Standard Oil Co.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.) 2,239 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger) 2,872 tons, Linke, at Southport, Heide & Co.

Str. Regin (Nor.), 1,107 tons, Lykka, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Schr. Hope Sherwood, 523 tons, Colbreth, C. D. Maffitt & Co.

Schr. Granville B. Bacon, 339 tons, Bennett; C. D. Maffitt & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 9.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Steady, at 42c.

ROSIN—Steady; large $3.15; small $3.00.

TAR—Firm, $2.00 per barrel; per gallon, 8½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Firm, $3.25 per barrel for soft; $3.35 per barrel for virgin; $3.25 per barrel for hard.

Quotations same day last year — Spirits turpentine, steady, 42; rosin, firm, $3.50; tar, firm, 2.50-11; crude firm, $3.00; $3.00; $2.00.

Receipts.

Spirits Turpentine	6
Rosin	28
Tar	251
Crude Turpentine	32

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 6 casks; rosin, 52 barrels; tar, 30 barrels; crude turpentine, 2 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market — Spot, middling, steady, at 7c.; last year, nominal.

Receipts, 1,370 bales; same day last year, 2,861 bales.

Total receipts since September 1st, 66,332 bales.

Total receipts to same day last year, 282,609 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wilmington, Nov. 12.

Atlantic Coast Line—1,239 bales cotton; 1 cask spirits turpentine; 5 barrels rosin; 117 barrels tar; 8 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—131 bales cotton; 123 barrels tar.

Str. Whitlock—4 casks spirits turpentine; 15 barrels rosin; 11 barrels tar; 24 barrels crude turpentine.

Bessie May—1 cask spirits turpentine; 8 barrels rosin.

Total — 1,370 bales cotton; 6 casks spirits turpentine; 28 barrels rosin; 251 barrels tar; 32 barrels crude turpentine.

FOODSTUFFS AND FEEDS.

(Wholesale Price Quotations of Wednesday by Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

Flour—Fancy Patent, $6.25 to $6.50 (car lots).

Corn—Domestic, $1.00; Imported, 95c.

Meal—96 lb. bag, $1.95 to $2.00.

Oats—Mixed, 60c; white, 65c. bu.

Hay—No. 1, Timothy, $24.00; No. 1, Mixed, $23.00 ton.

Middlings—$32.00 per ton.

D. S. Sides—From 12¼ to 12¾.

Plates—From 11c. to 11½c.

Lard — From 7½ to 8c., according to quality.

Coffee—From 9 to 12c.

Rice—Broken, 3½c. to 4c.; Japan, 4¾c to 5c. Fancy Hear, 5 1-4c. to 6c.

Sugar — Granulated — Basis 5½c; lower grades, usual difference.

Molasses — Black strap, 15c; mixed, 28c; Fancy Porto Rico, 40c.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 5th.)

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

POTATOES — Irish potatoes, 80@85c. per bu. Sweet potatoes, yams, 60@65c. per bu.

PEAS—White peas, $2.50@3.75 bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7 to 8c.; very dull.

PORK—Small, 10@12 cents.

SHEEP—No sale. Lambs, $1.50 to $2.50 per head; very dull; no sale.

WOOL—Burry, 14 to 15c.; black wool, 16 to 17c.; first-class white wool, 21c. free, 20@21c. per lb.

HIDES—Green salt, 13c.; dry flints, 17c. per lb.; dull.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, 23c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. lb., dull.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.

POULTRY — Chickens, grown, 40@45c. Spring, 15@30c. per head; very dull. Turkeys, 16 2-3c. per lb.; very dull.

EGGS—28@29c. per doz.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., December 3.—Spanish—Farmer's stock—Market, steady, 85c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock—Market, steady. Fancy Jumbo, 3½c. per lb. Fancy Hand-Picked, 3¼c. per lb. Extra Prime, 3c. to 3¼c. per lb. Shelling stock, 2¼c. to 2¾c. per lb.

BROADER INQUIRY CONTINUES

Investment Issues Are Much in Demand on Stock Market, as Result of Plan to Reopen.

New York, Dec. 9.—The broader inquiry for investment issues which followed the recent announcement that the stock exchange will reopen next Saturday for dealings in stocks, lost none of its scope today. Prices as a whole were fully maintained and in one important instance—the New York city six per cent. three year notes, a new high record of 104 1-4 was attained. Bonds were inclined to react in the later dealings, the underlying issues of some Southern roads showing marked declines.

Stocks moved irregularly, according to the list submitted by the exchange and the number of issues showed some contraction. About the only important stock that sold above yesterday's best was Reading.

Exchange on Berlin and Hamburg, while less active than recently overshadowed all other features in the market for foreign remittances. Cables on Berlin touched 93, the highest quotation of the present movement.

Postponement of regularly quarterly dividends by the New York Central and Hudson River railroad and the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway excited considerable discussion in the financial district until it was learned the two companies which are to be consolidated at the beginning of the coming year, probably intend to declare a joint dividend on the increased capitalization.

Proposals for the shipment of a large amount of steel ties to Europe suggested a renewal of foreign buying of this character and the domestic situation was improved by the placing of some large orders for freight cars. General buying of a miscellaneous order was in excess of recent weeks, according to trade authorities, but far below the normal.

Copper was unaffected by reports of high prices for the metal in London.

Following are the closing prices issued by the stock exchange committee today:

Last sale:

Amalgamated Copper	49
Beet Sugar	39¾
American Can	24¾
American Can, pfd	90⅛
American Cotton Oil	54⅛
American Smelting	53⅛
Amer. Smelting, pfd	97
American Sugar	102
American Tel. and Tel	117
American Tobacco	215
Atchison	91
Bathlehem Steel	40½
Brooklyn Transit	87
Canadian Pacific	155
Central Leather	35½
Chicago and Great Western	10
St. Paul	85
Colorado Fuel	22⅝
Consolidated Gas	115½
Denver, pfd	10
Erie, 1st	33
Great Northern Ore	26½
Illinois Central	104½
Inter-Met	12⅞
Harvester	91
Lehigh	113¼
Missouri Pacific	9½
National Biscuit	124
National Lead	41¼
New York Central	81⅛
New Haven	51⅝
Norfolk and Western	98¼
Northern Pacific	98
Ontario and Western	19
Pacific Mail	19½
Pennsylvania	105¼
People's Gas	116½
Reading	140
Rock Island	1
Rock Island, pfd	2
Union Pacific	115
Union Pacific, pfd	78
United States Rubber	48
Utah Copper	46⅝
Texas Oil	138

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 9.—An order for 500,-000 yards of wool khaki for army overcoatings and suitings for foreign shipment was placed here today. Worsted yarns were firm. Wool, shoddy and coarse, was active and advancing. Cotton yarns were dull. A general revision in bleached cotton was expected.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 9.—Call money, steady; high, 4; low, 3½; ruling rate, 3½; last loan, 4; closing bid, 3½; last offered, 4.

Closing mercantile paper, 4¼@4½. Sterling exchange, heavy; sixty days, 4.8475; for cables, 4.8775; for demand, 4.8725; bar silver, 49¾.

NAVAL STORES MARKET.

Savannah, Dec. 9.—Turpentine—Firm, at close 42½, sales 129, receipts 4,60, shipments 8,61, stocks 32,326.

Rosin closed firm. Sales, 271; receipts, 1,374; shipments, 5; stocks, 132,-103. Quote: A, B, C, D, 3.20; E, F, 3.25; G, 3.27½; H, 3.30; I, 3.40; K, 4.00; M, 4.50; N, 5.25; W G, 5.40; W W, 5.80.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 9.—Sugar—Raw, steady; molasses, 3.24; centrifugal, 3.89; refined, steady.

Butter—Steady; unchanged.

Cheese—Steady; unchanged.

Coffee—Spot, firm; Rio, No. 7, 8½; Santos, No. 4, 10½c.

CAROLINA COTTON MARKETS.

(Daily Quotations, by State Division of Marketing.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 9. — Cotton — Middling — Raleigh, 6¾; Fayetteville, 6½; Charlotte, 7c.; Norfolk, 7c.; sales, 1,242.

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THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 10, 1914.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 49 degrees; at 8 P. M., 50 degrees; maximum, 53 degrees; minimum, 47 degrees; mean, 50 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .05; rainfall for the month, to date, .48 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 13.6 feet and falling.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Partly cloudy Thursday and Friday; colder.

The Post Calendar, Dec. 10, 1914.

Sun rises	7:07 A. M.
Sun sets	5:03 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 54 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	3:16	3:48	10:29	11:09
Southport	12:55	1:19	7:18	7:49
Masonboro Inl	12:44	1:08	6:58	7:29

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 9, 1914.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature Highest today.	Temperature Lowest last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	cloudy	34	28	.42
Asheville	clear	50	32	.0
Atlanta	pt cldy	52	40	.0
Augusta	clear	60	40	.0
Birmingh.	cldy	50	34	.0
Boston	cldy	28	—	.0
Charleston	clear	60	50	.0
Charlotte	pt cldy	56	38	.0
Chicago	snow	34	34	.10
Galveston	clear	52	46	.0
Jacksonv	clear	64	52	.02
Memphis	rain	48	42	.14
Mobile	clear	60	44	.10
Montgom'y	clear	58	44	1.02
New Orl.	clear	56	48	.0
New York	snow	36	32	.06
Oklahoma	cldy	34	34	.0
Palestine	cldy	44	34	.0
Pittsburg	cldy	42	34	.04
Raleigh	clear	52	38	.0
Savannah	clear	62	48	.8
Shreveport	clear	46	36	.0
St. Louis	snow	34	32	.04
Washing'n	rain	38	38	.01

ABUNDANCE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOLLY SHIPPED.

Carloads Daily Moving From Eastern Counties—Quality Fine.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 9.—There went out of Duplin county today, as for many days past, a carload of what appeared to be bananas. It wasn't, since, although Duplin county produces nearly everything else, that versatile section doesn't make a business of growing the delectable tropical fruit yet. But every banana crate contained freight even more valuable—the strippings of "holm oaks" for Christmas greens for New Yorkers, Philadelphians and Pittsburgers. The holly in this section is prettier, due to favorable weather or whatever condition it is that causes it to be greener and redder in some seasons than in others, this year than for many yuletides past, and the shipments are tremendous. It is estimated that a score of carloads are going North—principally to New York—every day now. Duplin, Onslow, Wayne, Lenoir, Beaufort and Brunswick counties are the principal producers in this section so far as is known.

The depression hasn't affected the demand for holly, at any rate. Some of the crop, just a little this year, it is to be presumed, will find its way to merry England by the time the day Dickens loved so well arrives. There it will change its name, it is possible, to holm oak, although in some parts of the kingdom the domestic American name applies to the tree. New York is the world's big "holly market," and does an enormous business in it. The product of the Maine, Michigan and North Carolina woods and the forests of one or two other states is in the metropolis, in "factories" which make a specialty of the work at this time of the year, converted into wreaths and Christmas trees which retail from, for the former, 25 cents for two to, for the latter, many dollars. Fir, spruce and pine take precedence over holly for Santa Claus trees, however, since it is seldom that a holly growing wild maintains a straight trunk or even branches.

One Lenoir county man has a number of trees which he prunes regularly. The dozen or so holly oaks will, when they reach a fair size, net him several hundred dollars. Since the business is assuming such proportions, it is expected that a lot of others will next year follow his example, and with a very little trouble realize several-fold on their trees what they would get for them gnarled and knotty. North Carolina, it is believed locally, although facts and figures are not available, produces more holy than any other state in the Union. Great quantities of the trees are growing up in the coast counties faster than they are being cut, and the supply will last for many years.

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Lv. Petersburg	11:00a.m.	10:40p.m.
Lv. Durham	7:00a.m.	5:30p.m.
Lv. Lynchburg	2:45p.m.	2:30a.m.
Ar. Cincinnati	7:30a.m.	6:20a.m.
Ar. Columbus	6:45a.m.	7:00p.m.
Ar. Chicago	5:00p.m.	8:00a.m.
Ar. St. Louis	6:32p.m.	8:30a.m.

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Through Pullman sleeping car service between Wilmington and Atlanta.

No. 19—5:00 A. M.—Local train for Charlotte. Sleeper open at 10:00 P. M.

For detailed information and reservations, call on City Ticket Office, Orton Hotel, Wilmington, N. C. 'Phone 178.

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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect October 12, 1914.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS.

EASTBOUND

Leave Front and Princess for Winter Park	Leave Front and Princess for Wrightsville	Leave Front and Princess for Beach
.....	.....	.....
a8:30 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.
.....	.....	.....
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.
a2:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.
.....	.....	.....
10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.
1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.
c1:55 P. M.	c1:55 P. M.	.....
cd2:35 P. M.	.....	.....
3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.
3:30 P. M.	.....	.....
e4:10 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P. M.	.....

WESTBOUND

Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave for for Wilmington
a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a7:36 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
b7:56 A. M.	b7:45 A. M.	b7:35 A. M.
a8:0[illegible] A. M.	a7:50 A. M.	a7:40 A. M.
a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
b10:31A.M.	b10:20 A. M.	.....
11:06 A. M.	11:55 A. M.	10:46 A. M.
12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
2:01 P. M.	1:50 P. M.	e1:46 P. M.
c2:36 P. M.	c2:25 P. M.	.....
cd3:06P.M.	.....	.....
c3:50 P. M.	.....	.....
4:06 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
c4:20 P. M.	.....	.....
c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
5:26 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
7:41 P. M.	7:30 P. M.	7:20 P. M.
8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:56 P. M.	10:45 P. M.	.....
11:56 P. M.	11:46 P. M.	.....

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DEPARTURES:	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 51. * 6:20 A.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50. *12:45 A.M.
No. 64. ‡ 6:50 A.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65. ‡ 6:15 P.M.
No. 48. * 7:30 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman service.	No. 49. * 6:05 P.M.
No. 53. * 9:40 A.M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52. * 5:05 P.M.
No. 62. * 3:15 P.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. *12:50 P.M.
No. 55. * 5:45 P.M.	Chadbourn, Florence, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida Points. Columbia, Asheville and the West. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta, and between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. *12:50 P.M.
No. 89. ‡ 6:30 P.M.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 90. ‡10:15 A.M.
No. 49. * 6:45 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars, between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 51. * 9:45 A.M.

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Lv. Atlanta	4.55 P. M.	Lv. Memphis	8.20 P. M.
Ar. Chattanooga	9.15 P. M.	Ar. Nashville	3.01 A. M.
Lv. Chattanooga	9.23 P. M.	Lv. Nashville	3.11 A. M.
Ar. Nashville	1.40 A. M.	Ar. Chattanooga	7.21 A. M.
Lv. Nashville	1.50 A. M.	Lv. Chattanooga	7.30 A. M.
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DEFINITE POLICY FOR THE INDIAN

Outlined in Secretary Lane's Annual Report.

MAKE THEM CITIZENS

Discusses Development of West and Reviews Achievements of Past Year—Would Develop Indian from Ward State.

Washington, Dec. 9.—A definite, constructive policy for the Indian, by which he may be transformed from a ward of the government to a successful and integral part of the American citizenry; a discussion of the development of the West; and a review of the achievements of the last year, are contained in the annual report of Secretary Franklin K. Lane, of the Interior Department, sent today to President Wilson.

"Three things," says Secretary Lane, "of unusual purport have marked the life of this department during the past year—the passing of the Cherokee Nation, the opening of Alaska, and the advancement of a series of measures aimed to promote the further development of the West. These things are apparently unrelated, yet they have made an appeal to me as alike illustrative of the newness of our country, the novelty of its problems, and the responsiveness of our government."

Secretary Lane discusses the Indian problem at length and asks whether "it is for the benefit of the Indian himself that the present almshouse policy" should continue.

"The American conscience, our sense of justice, our traditions, in fact, will not permit the adoption of a drastic course that would cast the Indian upon the world for which he is ill-prepared," he says. "Yet I am of the opinion that it would be better, far better, to sever all ties between the Indian and the government, give every man his own and let him go his way to success or destruction, rather than keep alive in the Indian the belief that he is to remain a ward of the government.

"The way out is gradually and wisely to put the Indian out. Our goal is the free Indian. The orphan asylum idea must be killed in the mind of Indian and white man. The Indian should know that he is upon the road to enjoy or suffer full capacity. He is to have his opportunity as a 'forward looking man.'

"It is my conclusion, after as intimate a study as practicable of his nature and needs, that we should henceforth make a positive and systematic effort to cast the full burden of independence and responsibility upon an increasing number of the Indians of all tribes. I find that there is a statute which significantly empowers the Secretary of the Interior to do this in individual cases. That authority is adequate. I intend to use such authority.

"In 1830 the problem was how to get the Indian out of the way. Today the problem is how to make him really a part of the Nation. The man who can do for himself is the man to be released. And he is the man who thinks not in terms of the Indians' yesterday, but in terms of the Indians' tomorrow. In one thing we are short—the art of inducing ambition. This largely depends upon the genius of the teacher to fire the imagination of the pupil. That is the first step in all civilization.

"In my report of last year I suggested a series of measures for the development of western resources which I thought consonant with the advancing spirit of our time and would meet the demand of the West. There were five of these measures, one providing for a government railroad system in Alaska; an Alaskan coal leasing bill; a new reclamation act; a bill providing for a new method of opening and developing coal, phosphate, oil, and potash fields and a waterpower bill. All of these measures have passed the House of Representatives, and the first three also passed the Senate and by your approval have become law. I feel that it is conservative to say that by the passage of these bills the Federal Government has given to the more remote states greater assurances of its interest in their welfare than has been given for many years."

EDISON ELECTRICAL PLANT DESTROYED WITH MUCH LOSS

Over Seven Million Dollar Fire Burns Out Supposed Fireproof Building.

West Orange, N. J., Dec. 9.—Fire destroyed virtually the entire main plant of the Edison company here tonight causing damage estimated at nearly $7,000,000 with insurance that it is expected will reduce the loss to approximately $5,000,000. An entire square block of modern reinforced concrete buildings which were supposed to be fireproof was burned out by the flames. The only building saved in the block was the laboratory building containing valuable scientific machinery under the immediate superintendence of the inventor, Thomas A. Edison. Especial efforts made to save this structure were successful.

MAY USE ARTILLERY TO ENFORCE ORDER

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agent here, issued a statement tonight charging the Maytorena garrison at Naco with responsibility for firing across the border and challenging Governor Maytorena on behalf of General Hill, the Carranza commander, to withdraw into the interior of Mexico for a pitched battle. He made public a telegram from General Hill declaring the American military authorities at Naco, Ariz., were discriminating in favor of Maytorena troops.

"Bullets from our enemy are constantly causing damage to the American town, but we are held responsible for it due to the discrimination," the message said.

The families of our chiefs and officers and many of our soldiers are living in Naco, Ariz. Under these circumstances you can see how reasonable it is for us to avoid firing towards the United States."

FLETCHER GIVES NAVAL STRENGTH

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her present construction programme soon would be far in the lead.

As to the Philippines.

The admiral said he had no doubt in the ability of the United States to control the seas in a naval conflict with Japan, but when questioned specifically he would not say that the American fleet alone could successfully defend the Philippines and Hawaii against a Japanese expedition.

Ultimate naval success, Admiral Fletcher contended, must rest with dreadnoughts. Submarines, he declared, would not seriously affect the vital principles of naval warfare. He admitted, however, that from a foreign naval viewpoint, it was possible to send submarines across the Atlantic to attack warships on the American coast.

In the event of war he said, all American battleships available could be made ready for action within a week.

Secretary Daniels will appear before the committee tomorrow.

Commander Sterling, who, Admiral Fletcher said, was responsible for the care of all the submarines, has been asked to testify Friday.

The examination today developed the admission that of 17 submarines on the Atlantic coast, including Panama, five are detained on permanent stations at the Isthmus, four are being overhauled; four are just going into navy yards for repairs, and three are undergoing alterations. Only one is left in active service, Admiral Fletcher said.

Better Equipment.

Admiral Fletcher said the latest American submarines were not equipped with the most modern torpedoes, but they would be.

Admiral Fletcher's estimate of the comparative naval strength of the United States was made in reply to a query by Representative Witherspoon.

Representative Williams, of Illinois, asked the admiral if he thought the United States could successfully resist Japan if the fleet had to defend Hawaii and the Philippines in their waters.

"That is a question, of course, that is exceedingly difficult to answer," replied the admiral.

"I think that our more powerful fleet could keep control of the seas as against Japan. But as to the ability of the fleet alone to defend the Philippines would depend a great deal on conditions. I wouldn't say that the fleet alone could do it."

"Do you believe" asked Representative Grey, "that we, at the present time, should increase our navy so that we could control the seas?"

"I see no necessity for adopting that policy at the present time," replied the admiral.

"Why then is it necessary for us to have a navy to control the seas as against Germany or France?"

Refused to Answer.

"That is a very difficult and hypothetical question that is not within my province as a military man to answer," Admiral Fletcher replied.

"If we had a conflict with any nation," the admiral then continued after a moment's reflection, "we would naturally provide against conditions which had to be met. You make provision for defense proportionate to the probability of future conditions. Otherwise the only solution is that we must make a navy to whip the world. I do not think that anybody ever considers the conflicting interests between England and the United States have been at all serious or that there is any probability that they will. Our interests are too much in common."

"Then we don't have to build against England in your opinion?" suggested Mr. Gray.

"That is right," was the admiral's answer.

"What nations then, do you think we do have to build against and ——?"

The question was unfinished. Chairman Padgett and several other members objected.

"I must be excused from answering that question and would like to have it stricken out," said the admiral.

Mr. Gray withdrew it.

Wants Auxiliaries Increased.

The United States has been behind the times in development of air craft and submarines, the admiral said. He recommended a liberal appropriation for mines, aerial craft "and auxiliary weapons of that character."

Representative Roberts asked many questions regarding mobilization.

"If you received orders to prepare for war, how long would it take you?" asked Mr. Roberts.

"In emergency," replied the admiral, "some vessels would be ready today, others tomorrow and all within a week. We have some in the navy yard undergoing repairs, but they could rendezvous within that time."

BRYAN ADDRESSES CHURCH COUNCIL

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eral Council tonight spoke in strong praise of the stan dtaken by the President on the question of preparedness in his annual message.

"We are not at liberty to discuss the causes of the war," Mr. Bryan said. "That would not be neutral. The President has asked us to be neutral and it is important that we should do. Why should we sit in judgment when it is so important that we maintain an attitude that will make it possible for us to help them when the time arrives.

"It has been along while in this country since anybody praised war as a blessing, but we have had some who thought the way to prevent it was to get ready for it and preparedness has been the basis of the argument upon which men have relied for increase in army and navy. If preparedness prevents war I want to be present at the next international meeting when somebody suggests that preparedness prevents war. If preparedness would prevent war there would be no war in Europe for they were prepared. They had been preparing for a long time, with different degrees of preparation, but they were all preparing. The fallacy is exposed. Preparedness may help you if you get into a war, but it will not keep you out of war. More than that, preparedness will almost with absolute certainty lead you into war. Why? Because you can not prepare for war unless you either are afraid of somebody, or hate somebody. The people will not bear the burden of taxation. You cannot make them bend their backs to the load unless you can make them believe it is necessary and how can you make them believe it is necessary. You have got to have somebody to whom you can point and say: 'If you don't get ready they will catch you unprepared.' You have got to teach them to hate somebody and hate and hate and hate until they get a chance to lick them. That is what preparedness means and I am glad that our President yesterday tok his stand on the other side."

London, Dec. 9.—A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam says the Hamburg-American Line has issued a statement saying the company has no intention of selling its ships tied up in American ports as a result of the war.

SENATOR RANSDELL DEFENDS MEASURE

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reply to criticism of the Oklawaha item in the bill.

Attacks Are Unfounded.

Senator Ransdell said that attacks on river and harbor legislation "were unfounded, practically without merit, and many of them devoid of even a vestige of truth."

He vigorously denounced attacks on the bill in the last session of Congress, and the filibuster that resulted in the practical defeat of the measure's purposes.

Critics of the legislation, he added, had been unable to suggest a better system than the one they criticise.

Senator Ransdell said that under the present method of waterway legislation the nation's waterways had been greatly improved, commerce fostered, freight movements facilitated, and transportation rates cheapened in competition with railways.

"To assert that river and harbor bills are full of 'pork' graft and corrupt items," he declared, "is to charge that the United States engineer corps of the army, members of the Rivers and Harbors committee of the House, and Commerce committee of the Senate, and a majority of the senators and representatives who advocated and voted for these measures are guilty of fraud, corruption, raft and plain stealing. Such an accusation is false."

Congress No Lobby.

Senator Ransdell denied charges that the Rivers and Harbors Congress was a lobby. Its activities, he said, "had been confined to an education campaign to create an intelligent public sentiment in favor of proper improvements of worthy navigable waters.

"Attacks were made on the last River and Harbor bill," declared Senator Ransdell, "during the debate in Congress and particularly during the recent campaign, on sectional and political grounds, and it was freely charged that favoritism had been shown to the South. These attacks are unworthy of their authors. During my 16 years in Congress, in which time I served on the Rivers and Harbors committee of the House and the Commerce committee of the Senate, both under Democratic and Republican administrations, I can truthfully say that I have never known either sectionalism or politics to enter into the making up of a river and harbor bill.

"Republicans and Democrats alike joined in shaping the measure to get the best bill for the entire country, regardless of claims of any particular section."

Senator Ransdell appealed to the convention to insist that "under no circumstances should any water course be improved unless it has real, genuine merit back of it."

3 GERMAN WARSHIPS SUNK IN THE ATLAOTID

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drew from Lodz about midnight on December 6th, while the Germans remained motionless for 15 hours in front of our empty trenches, the attack on which had cost them more than 10,000 soldiers and upon which they dared not advance.

"Only at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of December 6th did the Germans move forward to verify that there was nobody in the trenches facing them. They then entered the town.

"In changing our positions in the region of Lodz, we did not lose a soldier. We undertook this maneuver only after we had ascertained that the Germans had definitely decided not to continue their attacks in this district.

"Our maneuver was entirely independent of any aggressive action on the part of the enemy."

USED RED CROSS FLAG.

And Aid Battery Behind Building Flying It Says German Statement.

Berlin, Dec. 9. (By Wireless to London)—The official statement issued by the German headquarters this afternoon says:

"To the west of Rheims a fishery flying the Red Cross flag nas been bombarded and set on fire by our troops as we had ascertained by means of photographs taken by our aviators that behind the fishery was hidden a French heavy battery.

"French attacks in the district around Souain and on the villages of Varennes and Vouquers, in the eastern part of the forest of Argonne, were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy.

"In the forest of Argonne itself ground was gained in several places. On this occasion we took a number of prisoners.

"The French suffered losses in the battles reported yesterday to the north of Nancy. Our losses were comparatively small.

"No new reports are at hand from East Prussia.

"In Northern Poland, our troops are in close touch with the Russians who have come to a standstill in a strongly fortified position. East of the Warta the fighting for Lowicz continues.

"In Southern Poland Austro-Hungarian troops fighting side by side with our troops have successfully renewed the attack."

SERVIA CLAIMS VICTORY.

Declares That Austrians Are Driven Back—Many Prisoners Taken.

Paris, Dec. 9.—A Havas dispatch from Nish, Servia, says:

"The crushing offensive movament of the Servian army has been successful along the entire front. The Austrians are retreating in the greatest disorder, losing a large number of prisoners and cannon and war material.

"At one point alone the Servians took 2,000 prisoners and the band and the flag of the 22nd regiment."

FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORT

Few Developments Other Than Renewal of Fighting in North.

Paris, Dec. 9.—The following official communication was issued tonight:

"There are no other instances of importance to report other than an advance of our troops before Parvillieres (department of the Somme) and a German attack upon Tracy Le Val, (department of the Oyse) which was repulsed.

"There was artillery fighting from the sea to the Lys during the day of December 8, according to the French official announcement given out in Paris this afternoon and all the positions won by the French during the past two days have been strengthened.

"The French have made gains in the Aisne, in th eMeuse and in the Argonne."

Washington, Dec. 9.—The International Convention for Safety at Sea, drafted at a conference in London shortly after the Titanic disaster and already ratified by a majority of the maritime powers, was favorably reported to the Senate today by the foreign relations committee.

Business Locals

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY OF the Good Shepherd church will have a sale in the hall, Sixth and Queen, Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and at 7 o'clock at night. de10,2t*

SPECIALS TODAY AT BORNEMANN'S —Large Eating Apples, 35c. peck; Florida oranges, 25c. dozen; Florida grape fruit, 6 for 25c; Table Butter, 3 lbs, $1.00; large Fresh Eggs, 3 dozen, $1.00; 25c Table Peaches, 5 cans, $1.00. Big lot of Red Band Candles, 10c. and 20c. lb., at C. H. Bornemann's. 'Phone 853. de10-1t*

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Carolina Coast Products Company, vs. Atlantic Phosphate & Oil Corporation.—Publication.

It appearing from the affidavit filed in this cause that the defendant is a non-resident of the State of North Carolina, has property in the State, and cannot, after due diligence, be found in the State, and that a good cause of action exists in favor of the plaintiff to recover of the defendant the sum of Thirty-Six Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixty Dollars and fifty-two cents ($36,360.52), with interest from the 1st day of October, 1914:

NOW, notice is hereby given, that the said claim is for money advanced to said defendant, and for fish oil and fish scrap and other supplies sold and delivered to said defendant, amounting to the said sum of Thirty-Six Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixty Dollars and fifty-two cents ($36,360.52), and that an attachment has been issued and levied upon the property of the defendant, to-wit: Steamers "ADROIT," "PORTLAND", "JOHN L. LAWRENCE" and "NAT STRONG", subject to certain Admiralty liens.

AND notice is hereby given to the defendant to appear at the term of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina, to be held in the City of Wilmington on the second Monday, after the fourth Monday in April, 1915, it being the 10th day May, 1915, and answer or demur to the complain filed in said cause, or judgment will be granted according to the prayer thereof.

This 16th day of November, 1914.

(SEAL) ALEX. L. BLOW, Clerk of District Court of the United States for Eastern District of North Carolina.

By S. P. COLLIER, Deputy Clerk.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION.

To All to Whom These Presents May Come—Greeting:

Whereas, It appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that the KIDDER LUMBER COMPANY, a corporation of this State, whose principal office is situated at No. ——, ———— Street, in the City of Wilmington, County of New Hanover, State of North Carolina (Geo. E. Kidder being the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served), has complied with the requirements of Chapter 21, Revisal of 1905, entitled "Corporations," preliminary to the issuing of this Certificate of Dissolution:

Now, Therefore, I, J. BRYAN GRIMES, Secretary of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 7th day of Sept., 1914, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the record of the proceedings aforesaid are now on file in my said office as provided by law.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Raleigh, this 7th day of Sept, A. D. 1914.

(Signed) J. BRYAN GRIMES,
(SEAL) Secretary of State.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT. EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA—IN EQUITY.

R. E. Summer, et al vs. Carolina Coast Products Co., et al.—Order Appointing Receiver, Etc.

To to Creditors and Bondholders, and all other persons having claims against the Carolina Coast Products Company.

It is further ordered that all persons, creditors and bondholders, having claims against the said defendant, the Carolina Coast Products Company, whether by mortgage, lien or unsecured claim, be and are hereby required to file the same with the Clerk of the Court on or before the first Monday in January, 1915, setting forth in detail the nature thereof, duly verified, and the Clerk is directed to make proper advertisement to all creditors of this provision of the Order.

Witness the Honorable H. G. Connor, Judge, of said Court, (SEAL) and the seal at Wilmington, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1914.

ALEX L. BLOW, Clerk.
S. P. COLLIER, Deputy Clerk.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, NEW Hanover County.

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of Alfred White, deceased, late of New Hanover county, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at 908 N. Second street, Wilmington, North Carolina, on or before the 30th day of November, 1915, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

LUCINDA WHITE,
Administratrix Alfred White.

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